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IRA target Gatwick after third attack on Heathrow

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, STEWART TENDLER AND EMMA WILKINS

THE Government refused yesterday to hand the IRA the propaganda coup of putting tanks on the roads around Heathrow, despite a third mortar strike on the airport in less a week.

Four bombs were fired into the airport at 8am after a series of warnings to media offices between 6.19 and 6.41. The bombs again failed to explode, but one landed on the roof of Terminal 4, which was crowded with thousands of passengers. Three hit the tarmac about 50 or 60 yards from 15 waiting aircraft. The southern runway had to be closed at a time of peak weekend flights.

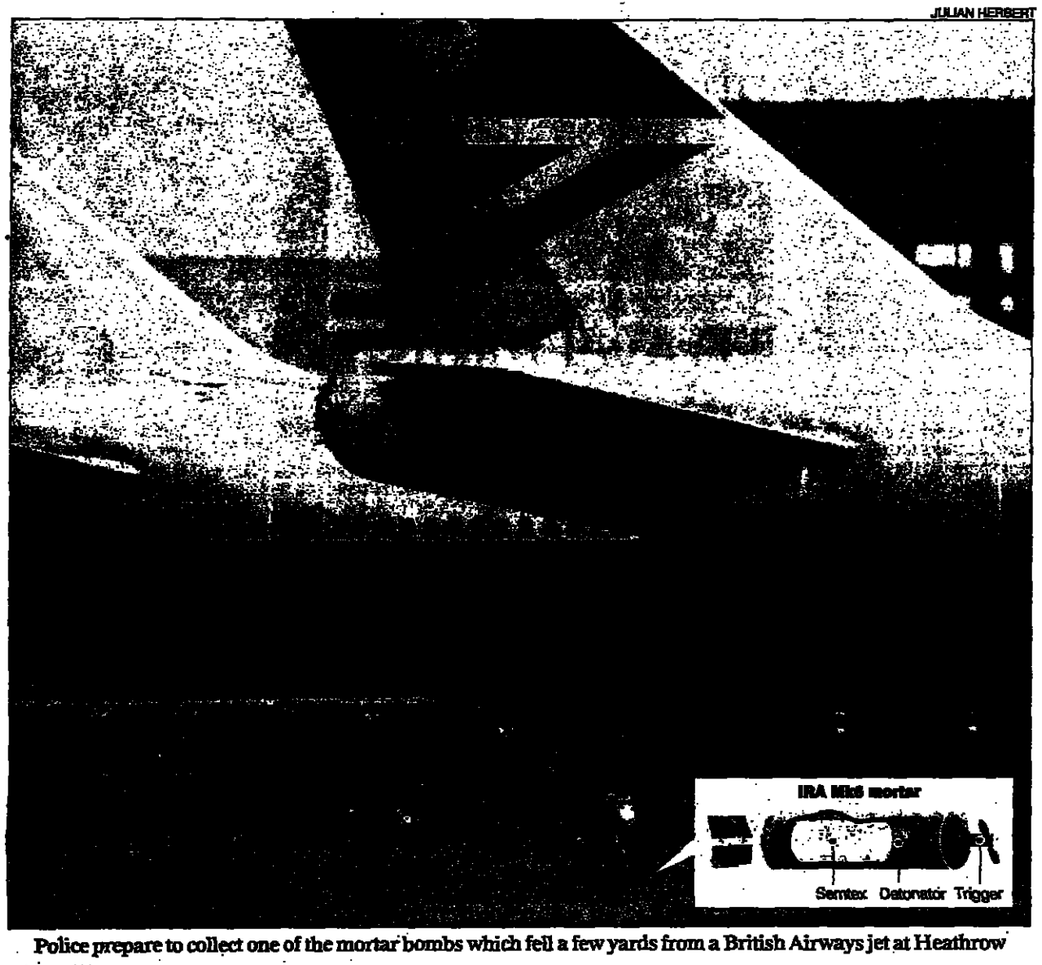
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In a fresh alert last night, police received further coded warnings of attacks on Heathrow and Gatwick. Gatwick was closed from 7pm and all flights in and out of Heathrow were suspended from just after 7.30. The perimeter roads around Heathrow were also closed.

After advice from Scotland Yard and urgent consultations in Whitehall, ministers decided against full-scale military intervention. They yielded solely to Scotland Yard requests for a score of army explosives experts. Last night the engineers joined the search of hundreds of acres around Heathrow amid fears that more mortars could be hidden.

The mortar launcher used in yesterday morning's attack was buried on scrubland on the southern edge of the airport and so well concealed with a covering of turf and twigs that it was missed by police searchers.

JULIAN HERBERT



Police prepare to collect one of the mortar bombs which fell a few yards from a British Airways jet at Heathrow

Of the 15 aircraft waiting on the Terminal 4 apron, four had just arrived when the mortars landed and their passengers were disembarking. Three other planes were about to depart.

Two planes well away from the area where the mortars came down were allowed to proceed to take-off. The third, a Boeing 737 BA 428 destined for Amsterdam, was nearer the point of impact — although still more than 100 yards away — and was forced to abort its take-off. The 18 passengers on board were led off.

Another mortar landed so close to an empty British Airways Boeing 737, which was being towed by a "tug" vehicle, that the driver saw a puff of smoke and took evasive action by changing direction.

Last night the IRA army council made clear that its violent campaign would continue until it won concessions over the Downing Street declaration. However, in its most detailed analysis this year of the Ulster peace initiative, the IRA hinted that it was encouraged by the peace process.

After the attack the Prime Minster and senior Cabinet members conferred with Scotland Yard and Whitehall officials. They turned down demands by MPs for tanks and armoured cars to patrol British airports. The Prime Minister ruled that the police should be given whatever help they deemed necessary but he is understood to share the view voiced by Paul Condon, the Commissioner of Metropolitan police, that tank patrols would not have helped to deter yesterday's attack, which had been set up in advance.

He said that he had not asked for military patrols because there were already substantial police patrols and road blocks around Heathrow. He said that the police were not facing audacious terrorists coming back night after night to thwart the security services, but "cowards who have secreted bombs and then slunk away into the night leaving timed devices".

Asked if the fact that the 12 shells had failed to explode meant that the attacks were merely a propaganda effort, Mr Condon said that all were potentially viable, contained explosives and could have detonated. He said that it was sheer speculation why they had failed to go off or what motivation lay behind the lack of an explosion.

Commander David Tucker, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch, said that there could be more devices hidden around the airport, primed to explode. "The terrorist has the upper hand here and tactics could change."

After the two midweek attacks, police stepped up security but hundreds of officers using dogs and horses failed to find the launch site, which was buried 70 yards from the southern perimeter fence near Bedfont Road.

The base-plate may have been planted at the same time as the other eight mortars — possibly on Tuesday — and buried between three to four feet into the ground. The terrorists had replaced turf and covered the site with pieces of wood.

Mr Tucker said: "This had been very carefully camouflaged and a thorough search on Saturday failed to find the base-plate. One could have almost walked over the top. There could be other base-plates here and our searching

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Defence chief resigns over affair with wife of ex-minister

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND MICHAEL EVANS

BRITAIN'S top military officer resigned last night over an affair with the ex-wife of a former Conservative navy minister.

Sir Peter Harding, Chief of the Defence Staff, left his £112,000 a year post after an exchange of letters during the afternoon with Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary. Sir Peter said he had not acted "in a manner that befits the holder of the post of Chief of the Defence Staff".

It is another embarrassment for the government, only just recovering from a series of scandals involving ministers and MPs that have severely undermined John Major's back-to-basics crusade. It will also be a severe blow to the armed services. Sir Peter's astute political acumen recently helped to persuade the Cabinet to send more British troops to Bosnia.

Sir Peter decided to go after the publication of intimate details of his relationship with Lady Bienvenida Pérez-Blanco appeared in the *News of the World*. Sir Peter Inge, Chief of the General Staff, will take over on a caretaker basis and he is expected to succeed Sir Peter.

David Clark, the shadow defence secretary, said last night: "This man knew all our military secrets and one must be absolutely certain that there have been no lapses in our security."

Sir Peter, 60, who has four children with his wife Sheila, had been exposed by his former mistress, who is 32. She is the former wife of Sir Antony Buck, 65, who retired from the House of Commons at the last general election. He married Ms Perez-Blanco in 1990. The marriage broke up last September.

She co-operated with reporters and photographers from the newspaper in setting up an assignation at the Dorchester Hotel in London last week.

The newspaper quoted extensively from Sir Peter's love letters to her and claimed that the defence chief used his government limousine to meet her, frequently dismissing the armed chauffeur. The newspaper also claimed that Sir Peter had been so infatuated that he broke "every security rule in the book".

The former Lady Buck, who was Sir Antony's second wife, has now remarried to an art dealer. She was quoted in yesterday's *News of the World* as saying that her affair with Sir Peter had been "the most immense security risk", but claimed that Sir Peter had told her he loved the risk of it.

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Sir Peter Harding and his lover, Bienvenida Pérez-Blanco, outside the Dorchester Hotel

Women praise 'a wonderful day'

BY ROBIN YOUNG

THERE were prayers for unity and warnings of schism to come as church-goers yesterday packed the first Holy Communion services to be held legally by women priests of the Church of England.

The Archdeacon of York, the Venerable George Austin, claimed that between 500 and 1,000 clergy would leave the church over the issue. He told the BBC *Breakfast with Frost* programme: "I think that has not gone home yet to the authorities. They think there is still scaremongery about it, but my evidence is that about that number will go."

The Reverend Angela Berners-Wilson, 39, the first of the group of 32 to be ordained in Bristol Cathedral on Saturday, celebrated communion for the first time yesterday at St Paul's, Clifton, and was hugged by members of her congregation after the service.

Mrs Berners-Wilson, a senior chaplain at Bristol University, said: "We had been looking forward to this day for so long, and now it has happened. It is a wonderful moment for everyone."

Another of the new priests, the Reverend Glenys Mills, 55, of Christ's Church, Clifton, who also celebrated communion yesterday, said she thought the church's wounds would heal.

"Our role in the ministry has been more and more accepted over the last few years. I think we should now be as one and agree to differ."

The Right Reverend Mark Santer, Bishop of Birmingham, said that women priests would not become a permanent obstacle to closer links between the Church of England and Rome.

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One of the first women priests, the Rev Angela Berners-Wilson, celebrating communion in Bristol

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Pretoria deposes homeland chief

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

PRETORIA took direct control of the black homeland of Bophutatswana and deposed the president yesterday after the murder of three white extreme right wingers.

And at Umzali, near Durban, violence erupted when thousands of supporters of the mainly Zulu Inkatha Freedom Party armed with rifles and spears occupied a stadium to prevent the African National Congress from holding a mass meeting.

One Inkatha supporter was killed when he opened fire on the ANC crowd from a pick-up truck. He was pulled from his vehicle and stabbed. The truck was set alight.

In Bophuthatswana, Tjaard van der Walt, the South African ambassador, deposed Lucas Mangope, 70, as President, ending at a stroke one of the legacies of apartheid: the separate homeland of the Tswana people. Mr Mangope, who had allied himself with the white far right and sparked the rebellion by refusing to take part in next month's election, was placed under guard at his farm "for his own safety".

The South African takeover of the homeland, whose independence was recognised only by Pretoria, came after a visit by "Pik" Botha, the South African Foreign Minister. Mr Botha told Mr Mangope his government was no longer in control of events.

Nelson Mandela, president of the African National Congress, welcomed the takeover, saying: ' Mangope belongs to the past." Mr Mandela will visit the former homeland tomorrow.

Rowan Cronje, the homeland's Defence Minister, said Mr Mangope intended to fight the election under the banner of the North Western Christian Democratic Party, which had been surreptitiously registered.

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I made mistakes, says Hillary Clinton

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

HILLARY Clinton has broken her silence on Whitewater to acknowledge that she made mistakes. But the First Lady insists that she and President Clinton never intended to do anything wrong.

Mrs Clinton said she found continuing speculation about the death of Vincent Foster, her long-time colleague and close friend, "extremely painful." She told *Newsweek* magazine: "Clearly there were lots of mis-steps along the way. I'd be the first to say that — and obviously I wish there weren't because this thing has gotten blown so out of proportion."

Her decision to speak coincided with new polls showing the standing of both Clintons is being damaged. Mrs Clinton was closely involved in the Whitewater investment plan. She represented the failed Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan Association whose owner, James McDougal, was the Clintons' Whitewater partner. Later, she reportedly resisted giving Whitewater files to federal investigators.

Mrs Clinton now regrets ever venturing into land speculation. She said: "I never would have participated in the investment in the first place. I would have tried to get everybody to focus on it sooner and earlier to try to deal with it. Of course I made mistakes."

Mrs Clinton told *Time* magazine her other "big mistake" was not appreciating how others would view the matter. The Clintons had always intended to make good on such obligations as paying

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Five die as three cars crash at crossroads

Five people were killed and a boy aged 5 was critically injured after three cars crashed on the A39 near Wells, Somerset. A man and three women, all believed to be in their early twenties, were killed instantly and a girl aged about 18 died later in Bristol Royal Infirmary. The boy has head injuries, and a woman aged 39 suffered a neck injury and broken legs. Both were taken to the Royal United Hospital in Bath after being cut from the wreckage.

A witness said two women in a Rover 200 car were cut free by emergency crews but both died. Three other people in a Renault Fuego were killed in the accident at a crossroads near a public house. No one was hurt in the third vehicle, which ran into the wreckage. The road was closed for several hours and police were last night still waiting to release names.

Gang attacks hunt

A fox hunt follower was allegedly beaten unconscious by a gang of masked hunt saboteurs. Francis Trewin, a retired farmer, is still being treated in hospital in Truro. Three other people taking part in the Fourburrow hunt near Scorrier House, Redruth, were also treated in hospital. Twenty-one people have been arrested and released on bail.

New hunt for toddler

The family of Ben Needham, the Sheffield toddler who vanished from the Aegean island of Kos more than two years ago, has returned in an attempt to break down the silence that South Yorkshire police believe surrounds his disappearance. His mother Kerry, 22, and the British vice-consul will meet the Kos police chief tomorrow.

Bernard leaves hospital



Jeffrey Bernard left hospital yesterday after a leg amputation. Drinking vodka and orange as he waited for a lift home from the Middlesex Hospital, he vowed to continue as near as possible as before. "I shall battle on and have as much fun as I can doing it. My cup is always half-full, not half-empty." The writer and Soho raconteur, right, who is a diabetic, had suffered a foot infection that had spread.

Waste export irks clergy

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, and seven bishops are calling on the Government to ban the export of toxic wastes to the developing world and Eastern Europe. Exporting wastes to countries too poor to deal with the environmental pollution and health risks of hazardous materials is irresponsible, the churchmen say.

Hailsham queries Scott

Lord Hailsham has said that Lord Justice Scott, who is conducting the arms-to-Iraq enquiry, should have "refreshed his memory a little" on the use of so-called gagging orders. The former Lord Chancellor says on BBC1's *Panorama tonight*: "I have an uneasy feeling that the law has not been properly studied by some members of the enquiry."

Military explosives experts to sweep Heathrow for hidden mortars

Security chiefs reject calls to bring in Army patrols

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

THE military option — calling in the Army to patrol the Heathrow perimeter — was considered in detail yesterday after the third IRA mortar attack and ruled out.

The security authorities believe that the solution lies in effective intelligence gathering not in saturation troop deployments.

Yesterday's announcement that the Army's explosives ordnance disposal experts are to be brought in to help in the search for more mortars underlined the limitations faced by the security forces.

The Army's EOD experts have gained unique experience in search techniques in Northern Ireland. Since the Ulster-based 321 EOD Squadron, Royal Logistics Corps, was formed in 1971, it has dealt with about 5,200 terrorist devices containing more than 236,000 pounds of explosives. Twenty men have been killed and many have won gallantry awards.

While their contribution could be important, their involvement indicates that a mass army presence at Heathrow was not thought practical.

Although Army units are always available and are sometimes seen at Heathrow during joint police and troop exercises, security sources yesterday emphasised the difficulties of mounting a more permanent patrol by soldiers. The sources said that a battalion of about 650-700 soldiers would be needed to set up vehicle checkpoints around the huge airport perimeter.

Since the threat is from a "stand-off" attack — mortar bombs fired from up to 1,000 yards away — the checkpoints could only be random. A comprehensive show of force around the centre of the airport in what the Army calls "framework patrols" would require too many soldiers.

Random checkpoints and framework patrols together would act as a deterrent to the IRA. However, the impact on the traffic leading to Heathrow would be so disruptive that the whole area could grind to a halt.

The Army would also suffer. One battalion on patrol for, say, four months, would require two other battalions to be earmarked for Heathrow duty on rotation, one to prepare for the operation, the other to be "warned off" and brought back from an existing role.

Army chiefs, faced with an increased troop commitment in Bosnia and the involvement in Northern Ireland, would oppose any permanent use of soldiers at Heathrow.

MILITARY OPTION

Security sources also stressed that a show of military strength at Heathrow could be countered by the IRA simply by switching operations to another airport.

There are no easy technological solutions. Cymbeline mortar-locating radars which were recently sent to Sarajevo, could pinpoint the launch sites after the mortars had been fired. But since they are on timing devices, the equipment would not be able to help to find IRA bombers.

The dilemma for ministers is that public confidence has been shaken and there is pressure to send in the troops as a morale booster.

The answer, however, lies in a far less overt response. If future IRA "spectaculars" are to be prevented, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, may have to seek more resources from the Treasury to boost intelligence-gathering operations. Much of MI5's budget is devoted to intelligence-gathering against the IRA but manpower is limited.



The scene at Heathrow's Terminal 1 yesterday after thousands of Terminal 4 passengers were diverted there

Travel industry fears 'CNN effect'

By Harvey Elliott and Ben Macintyre

TOURISM

FEARS were growing last night that the continuing IRA mortar attacks on Heathrow airport could wreck the recovery in Britain's travel and tourism industry.

Airlines, hotels, theatres and tour operators will today be watching for signs of mass cancellations by foreign visitors and British holidaymakers.

Nowhere will any trend be more carefully monitored than in North America, where holidaymakers are notorious for the wholesale cancellation of travel plans at the first hint of violence.

American travel agents are already predicting that their tourists will avoid coming to Britain. "We call it the CNN effect," said Shawn Flaherty, a spokeswoman for the American Travel Industry Association in Washington. "People see violence on television and then decide to go elsewhere."

The first attack at Heathrow went largely unreported in America. The second provoked a flurry of news reports pointing out that the airport is the port of arrival for the vast majority of Americans visiting Britain.

Travel agents said yesterday the third attack could persuade many American travellers that Europe, and Britain in particular, is a dangerous holiday destination.

In the wake of the New York World Trade Centre bombing trial and the recent shooting on Brooklyn Bridge of a group of Hasidic students by a Lebanese gunman, Americans are acutely aware of the dangers of international terrorism. Athough the mortar attacks caused no casualties, industry analysts predict that American tourist traffic to the UK will slow markedly in the coming weeks.

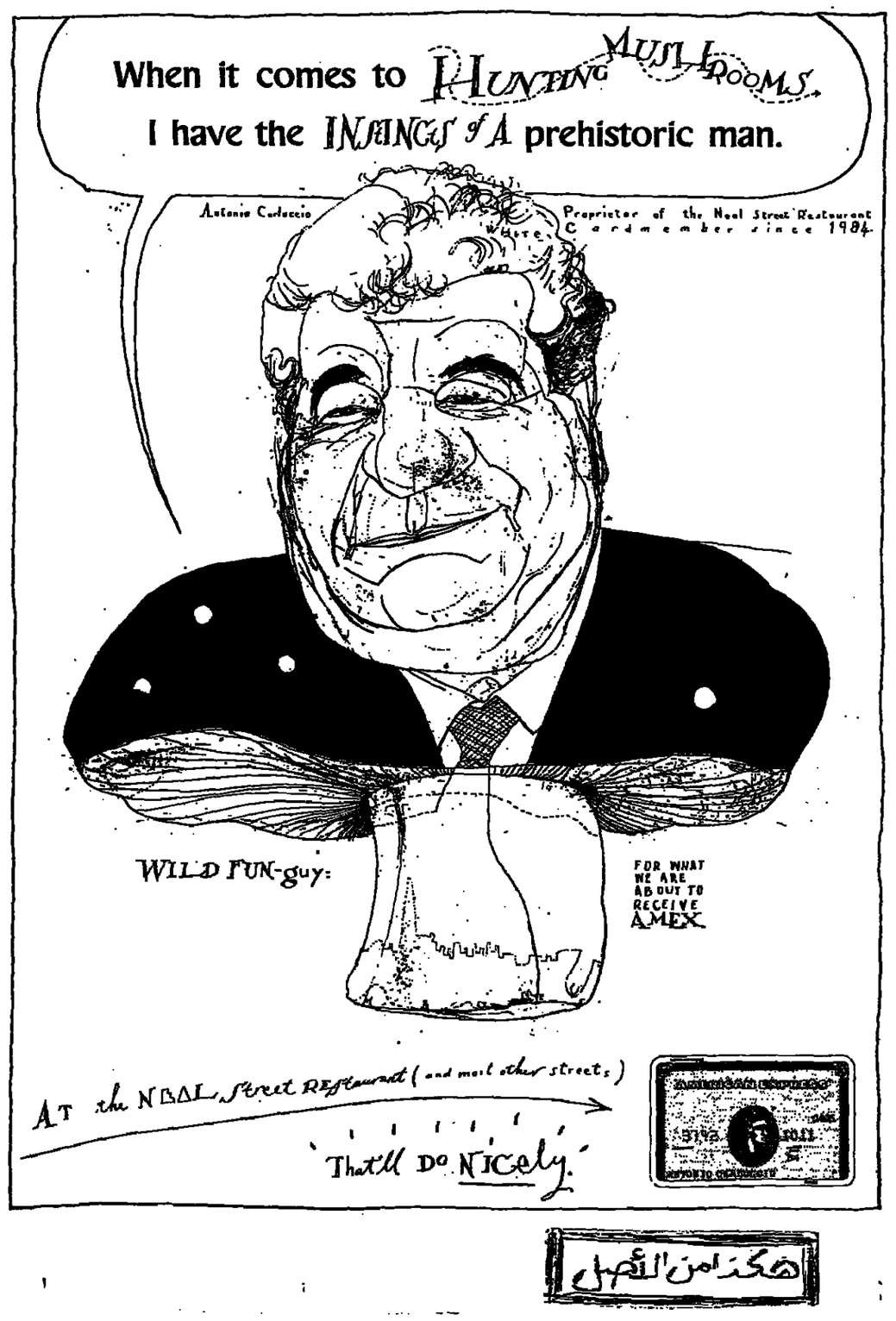
Ms Flaherty compared the attacks on Heathrow to the situation in Egypt, where a wave of terrorist attacks directed at foreign tourists by Islamic fundamentalists has sharply reduced tourism. "We may see the same sort of thing happening to Britain now," she said.

International airlines rely heavily on income from American travellers and around one third of British Airways' income comes from its services to 19 US cities.

Tour operators throughout America have just launched a big British sales campaign and were reporting a surge in enquiries and early bookings with short breaks proving particularly popular.

The trend was so strong that many believed that the 1985 record number of 3.8 million visitors from North America would be surpassed.

The world's airlines are losing money at an alarming rate, and trans-Atlantic traffic is particularly important for American airlines which are among the biggest losers. They had been encouraged by the recent upturn with strong bookings. Now, they fear, those encouraging figures could slump.



Man in the news

Pilot rewrote Buggins' rule to head the defence forces

By Robin Young and Michael Evans

SIR Peter Harding, a tall, debonair and affable figure, worked his way up to be the head of British defence forces from the ranks.

He joined the RAF in 1952 at the age of 19, trained as a pilot and was so devoted to the service that colleagues described him as "the sort of man who even sleeps in light blue pyjamas".

He became an instructor at Cranwell in 1957 and was attached to the Royal Australian Air Force between 1960 and 1962. Seconded to the Ministry of Defence in 1963, he later becoming commanding officer of the 18th Squadron.

In 1975, he was made aide-de-camp to the Queen. He was knighted 11 years ago and in 1992, at the age of 58, while his love affair with Lady Buck was at its height, he was appointed Chief of the Defence Staff and head of all three armed services.

He was preferred for the appointment to Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, the Chief of Naval Staff, and thus succeeded in breaking the Buggins' turn rules of succession which had usually meant previously that the services took turns to fill the nation's top military job.

Sir Peter, it was said at the time, had the edge over the quiet and scholarly naval candidate because of his "unique blend" of experience in key jobs in senior Nato and MoD appointments.

Although dubbed the "Toys 'R' Us" candidate by the other services, because of his keenness that the RAF should have the lion's share of the procurement budget, Sir Peter had the advantage of having served as assistant chief of staff for plans and policy for the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe in the early 1980s, and having been Commander-in-Chief of United Kingdom Air Forces from 1985 until 1988, when he became Chief of the Air Staff.

With his imposing frame and easy manner, Sir Peter was regarded as a natural operator in the politics of Nato, and he enjoyed particular popularity in Russia, where on an ice-breaking trip with the then Defence Secretary, Tom King, he jumped on stage to join a Soviet jazz band and was applauded by Russian generals for his piano playing.

That visit, two years before the announcement that he was to be next Chief of Defence Staff, was felt to have been instrumental in confirming Sir Peter as the most likely candidate for the post.

It included one incident in which he was able to show his charm and diplomatic skill. At Kubinka airbase, outside Moscow, a female parachute display team landed in front of the British delegation, and their leader, seeing the tall, uniformed figure, saluted and addressed him as "comrade defence minister". Sir Peter smiled, and tactfully introduced her to Mr King.

Sir Peter listed his interests in *Who's Who* as "tennis, painoforte, bridge, birdwatching and shooting (normally separately)".

Brief letters confirm decision to resign

COPIES of Sir Peter's letter of resignation to Malcolm Rifkind, and the Defence Secretary's reply, were issued last night by the MoD.

Sir Peter wrote:

"You will have seen the news reports concerning me and Lady Buck. The content of these reports is not entirely right and there are some errors in them, but it is counterproductive to relate them in detail. The point is that I have not acted in a manner that befits the holder of the post of Chief of the Defence Staff. I therefore believe that the only honourable thing for me to do is to resign my post with immediate effect, and I ask you to accept this.

I deeply regret the embarrassment that this has caused for you, the Government, my colleagues, and the Services; and I am grateful for your support over the last 15 months, which has been considerable."

In reply, Mr Rifkind said:

"I am very saddened that recent circumstances have led you to reach this decision; but I understand and respect your wishes. May I pay tribute to the many years of dedicated service that you have given to the Royal Air Force and the Armed Forces. In your earlier career, as Chief of the Air Staff, and again as Chief of the Defence Staff, you have exhibited professionalism, energy and skill of a very high order.

"I very much regret that we will no longer have the benefit of your advice and judgment. I know that you feel that your resignation is in the best interests of the Royal Air Force and the Armed Forces and that is, if I may say so, characteristic of the loyalty and commitment you have always given to your colleagues.

"May I offer you and Sheila my very best wishes for the future."

Clinton mistake admitted

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property taxes on the land deal. When they discovered the taxes were underpaid, they corrected the error. "So, yes, we made lots of mistakes. But we didn't do anything wrong. We never intended to do anything wrong. We did the best we could, always, to be as straightforward on this as we could, based on what we knew. But for years we have been asked questions that we don't know the answers to."

In *Newsweek*, Mrs Clinton puts some of the blame on her "big thing" about privacy. "I get my back up every so often about even having to answer questions that I don't think are in any way connected with the fact that my husband is in public life," she said.

Mrs Clinton said she wanted all the speculation about Mr Foster's death ended. "But I guess I now understand why. In the face of a tragedy, some people will make up their own answer because they can't deal with what are often life's unanswerable mysteries."

In a new poll, *Newsweek* found 52 per cent think the Administration is covering up damaging information about Whitewater and 64 per cent think the Clintons are guilty of some offence.

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MONDAY ESS

The Monday essay has been held over because of pressure on space.



after third terrorist attack in five days threatens to wreck recovery of Britain's tourist trade

Why the IRA's 12 mortar bombs failed to explode

BY STEWART TENDLER AND RICHARD FORD

THE 12 IRA mortar bombs fired at Heathrow airport during the past five days failed to explode because of a mechanical fault, Scotland Yard said last night. The failure raises the intriguing possibility that an informer within the terrorists' ranks had tampered with them.

One other suggestion was that the malfunction was a deliberate ploy, intended to give the IRA maximum propaganda with none of the revulsion caused by casualties. Had a correctly armed mortar bomb hit the fuselage of a plane, it would have caused a huge explosion. A bomb detonating on the terminal building would have ripped the roof apart, scattering shrapnel and debris.

A senior RUC officer said: "The Provos are piddling about. If they really wanted to cause death and destruction, they could do it. It's second nature to them. What they are doing at Heathrow is hinting at the potential. They're having a good laugh, and keeping morale high back here in Belfast.

"Killing maybe five people and causing ... damage would cause such revulsion. I don't think the IRA could handle that at this particular time, but this is easy. Nobody is at risk — not even their own people — but the publicity they're getting is great. It embarrasses all the security agencies, makes the Government cringe and, better still, keeps the pressure on John Major."

Weapons experts were examining the shells last night after Scotland Yard said that hey were viable but faulty.

The makeshift mortars had been put in position on Tuesday or Wednesday of last week, at the same time as those fired on Wednesday and Thursday. All had been fitted with timing devices. In the past the IRA has used video timers that last for a month, which raises the possibility of further attacks at Heathrow during the next three weeks.

Commander David Tucker, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad, gave no explanation as to why none of the mortars exploded, and refused to comment on speculation they were launched solely for propaganda purposes, not to cause real damage. He said: "I think I can help you by saying there appears to be a consistent mechanical defect."

One reason why the mortars failed to detonate could be a malfunction in a fuse intended cause an explosion on impact.

The mortars fired yesterday were packed with up to 1lb of Semtex each. Usually the IRA packs gas cylinders with a mixture of home-made material based on fertiliser and commercial explosive. The make-shift mortar is then inserted into welded steel tubes and is usually fitted with a mechanism causing detonation on impact. The tube is held in place in a steel frame on the back of a vehicle or placed in a deep hole.

The care the terrorists took in mounting the latest attacks was shown by the extensive measures they took to conceal the mortar's launcher. They dug a deep hole on waste ground and set the timer running with battery power. The base-plate and mortars were then placed in the hole with the tube and covered with turf.

Senior police officers believe the mortars were placed at different sites around the airport on Tuesday or Wednesday but the planning and reconnaissance would have taken weeks.

Some of the parts for the mortars have been smuggled across the Irish Sea, probably by small boats. Other equipment was probably bought in Britain and the Semtex could have been taken from caches stockpiled here.

The IRA technicians who built the mortars must have used a workshop or garage within the London area. The Nissan car stolen for the first attack would have been kept undercover while its number plates were changed and the mortar built into it.

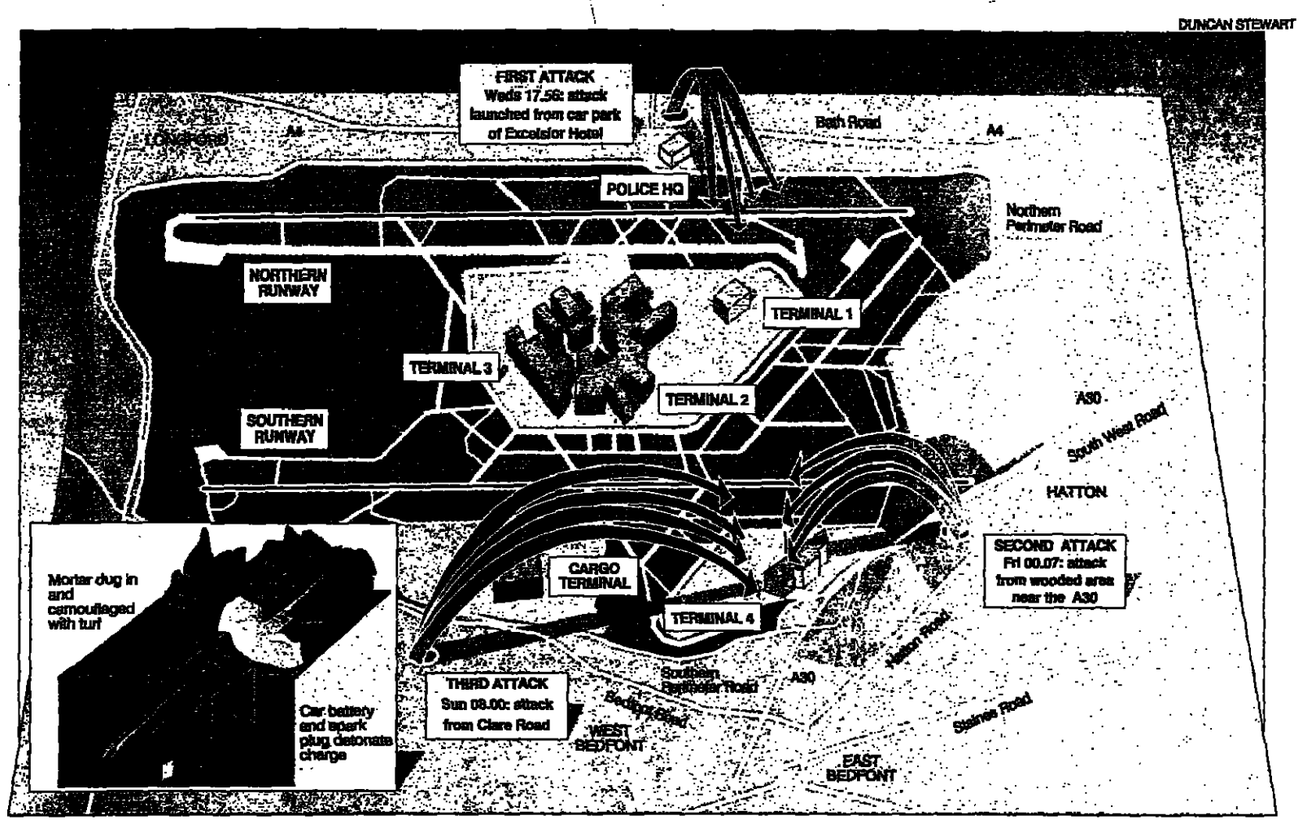
The care with which the third mortar was hidden suggests it may have been the work of men and women with experience of terrorism in the countryside outside Belfast, possibly in south Aramagh. The IRA units have become adept at hiding mines and bombs to trap army patrols.

Although Heathrow airport has been the scene of annual counter-terrorist exercises since the 1970s, few planners within the army, Scotland Yard or Whitehall could have envisaged the scenario played out in the past week.

Not content with one "stand-off" attack from beyond the airport perimeter, active service units have laid siege to the runways with a ring of mortars in a series of attacks on the same target. Usually in Britain, the IRA has switched from target to target and from method to method.

There have been no large IRA attacks on the mainland since December and MI5 and the Yard have recently expressed concern in private that the IRA has used the lull created by the peace process to regroup and restock should a ceasefire not emerge. The security forces had warned recently that the IRA was prpearing to mount a spectacular attack in Britain after known activists were reported to have gone missing from their haunts in Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic.

DUNCAN STEWART





The site of the latest mortar attack on Heathrow. None of the bombs exploded

Adams to challenge visit ban

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

GERRY ADAMS, the Sinn Fein leader, is to challenge the Government in the courts over his exclusion from Britain.

With the backing of Liberty, the civil rights pressure group, he is seeking leave to bring judicial review proceedings over the exclusion order imposed last October when invited to speak in London.

Andrew Puddephatt, Liberty's general secretary, said: "Liberty unequivocally condemns the use of violence and does not believe that violence can solve the conflict in Northern Ireland. But exclusion orders are an ineffective way of fighting terrorism. They damage Britain's international reputation and violate international human rights law."

He said that if Mr Adams had committed an offence, he should be brought before a court. "Otherwise, as a leader of a legal political party, he should be free to travel and be questioned as rigorously as any other politician."

Republican chiefs face both ways

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE IRA made clear last night that its violence would continue until it won concessions on the Downing Street declaration, but hinted that it was encouraged by the peace process.

In a statement issued in Dublin after the latest mortar attack on Heathrow airport, the IRA army council said: "There is a responsibility on the British Government to move from its current negative stance." It said that since the December declaration, the Government had refused to build on the opportunities for peace. This contrasted with the IRA's "positive and flexible attitude". The statement said: "The continued opportunity for peace should not be squandered. There is an urgent need to refocus attention and to move the peace process forward."

The army council ended with the warning: "Our commitment and our unity of purpose remain steadfast."

The statement was an attempt to scotch rumours of a split between Gerry Adams, the president of Sinn Fein, and elements of the IRA. It reiterated Mr Adams's demand for talks with the British Government to clarify the declaration while holding out hopes of progress.

An observer in Dublin said yesterday that the statement and the attacks on Heathrow showed the IRA wanted to negotiate with the British Government, but only from a position of strength. "It was probably no mistake that none of the devices went off," he said. "The attacks were designed to show that the IRA is still in business and could cause massive loss of life if they wanted to."

He added: "If they call a ceasefire they want that to be seen as an act of strength with the message that they could easily resume their campaign."

However, the observer said that Mr Adams and Martin McGuinness, another Sinn Fein leader, did not have the whole movement behind them. "If they accepted the declaration prematurely they could lose many of their supporters."

Third bomb attack on Heathrow

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methods are now the subject of urgent consideration."

As the clamour for a stronger campaign against the IRA rose, Mr Major and Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, held talks at Downing Street last night where Mr Major was hosting a dinner for the Prince of Wales.

They were debating whether to offer a Commons statement this afternoon. The Government has resisted previous statements to avoid giving the IRA publicity.

Some ministers believe that the need to reassure people at home and abroad should lead to a change of policy. Mr Rifkind said yesterday that the Government would use "the full rigours of the security forces to combat terrorism in all its manifestations".

Conservative demands for a tougher response were led by Sir Ivan Lawrence, chairman of the all-party home affairs select committee. He said that people would be reassured by army movements around the airport.

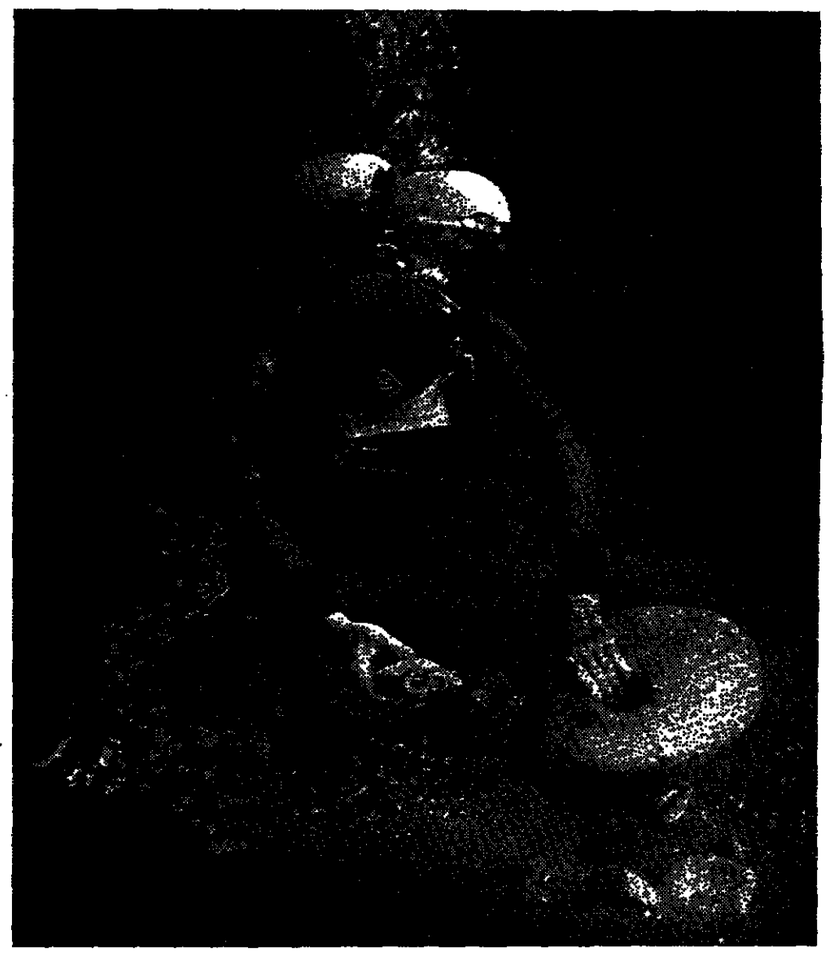
Yesterday's attack has added to doubts over the future of the Downing Street declaration. In a newspaper interview, Mr Major said that the IRA was divided. He suspected that the attacks on Heathrow were designed to "reinforce the unity of the movement in some perverse and irrational way".

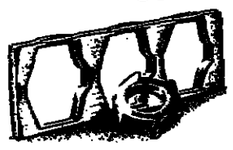
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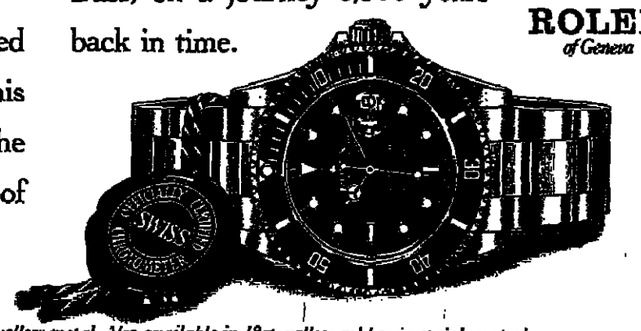
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After 450 years, the men of the Anglican Church played a secondary role this weekend

First women priests rush to celebrate communion

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 30 women priests celebrated their first communion services in the Church of England yesterday as Roman Catholics stepped up their own campaign for women priests.

The eucharists, throughout the Bristol diocese, followed quickly on the ordination service for the 32 women at which a Catholic priest called for an end to the "ossified and discriminating legislation" against women priests in his own church.

The eucharistic celebrations began at 8am yesterday, and continued throughout the day. A handful of women priests, ordained abroad, but only licensed to act as priests in England from yesterday, also celebrated their first communion services in this country.

The Rev Glenys Mills, of Christ Church, an evangelical church in Clifton, Bristol, entered the history books as the first newly ordained priest to celebrate communion.

More than a hundred people, nearly triple the normal congregation for that hour, turned out for the 30-minute communion service. The Rev Rupert Higgins, who normally takes the eight o'clock duty but who was for the first time sidelined by a woman, said: "The ordination was a culmination of what women have been doing in pastoral ministry for decades." He predicted that it would not be long before the church allowed the laity to celebrate communion, although this was rejected by the Bishop of Bristol, the Right Rev Barry Rogerson.

Patricia Bennett, a member at Clifton since the 1950s, said: "It was a very special day. We have felt Glenys's pain in having to wait for so long."

Another member, Janet Flook, said: "I just cannot understand why opponents have been so horrible about it. Glenys is such an understanding person. Women have every right to be vicars."

Afterwards, Ms Mills said she found her task daunting, but was "thankful that the Church has made it possible for us women who know God's calling ... to fulfil that calling as priests. I don't want to triumph over those within the Church who find this painful. I long that somehow we can work at holding hands across this issue."

The 1,100-strong congregation at the two-hour ordination service at Bristol Cathedral on Saturday heard a Roman Catholic priest use the final prayer to attack his own church's stance on women priests.

Father Mark Cornelis, an army chaplain from Flanders in Belgium who was invited to say a prayer by Bishop Rogerson, said: "Let us pray that also the Roman Catholic Church may overcome ossified and discriminating legislation, and allow women to be ordained and lead the way in preaching God's word, in celebrating eucharist, and in showing ways for the community of faith to go."

Kevin Thomas, a spokesman for the Catholic Church in England and Wales, criticised Fr Cornelis for making "more of an ecclesiastical political statement than a prayer". He added: "There is no sign of the Catholic Church making the move to women's ordination at the moment."

Few of the protests which had been threatened over women priests materialised at the ordinations. The only campaigners picketing the cathedral were Catholic women calling for women priests in their church and Anglicans who have advanced their own campaign. One poster read: "A woman's place is in the house — of bishops."

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JAMES MORGAN



The Rev Glenys Mills with the congregation outside her church in Clifton yesterday celebrates the ordinations at Bristol Cathedral

Orthodoxy is sacrificed on the altar of feminism

Walter Ellis in Bristol sees an irony in the celebrations marking the ordination of the Church of England's first women priests

After it was over, it was hard to see what all the fuss had been about. The new priestesses embraced each other and the bishop and his male colleagues and then disappeared, laughing and clutching daffodils, towards a modest, no doubt very Anglican celebration.

Back in the cathedral, the delighted congregation was overcome with clichés: the die had been cast, the deed done, the door thrown open.

There was no sign of the promised dissent, rather tolerant jocularity and relief.

And yet, hanging over the festivities was an extraordinary irony. The Church of England, founded by Henry VIII specifically to enable him to discard a woman of whom he had no further need, had now brought women in as priests of God, with the same rights — and rites — as men.

Centuries of Anglican orthodoxy had, arguably, been sacrificed on the altar of feminism, and the theologically difficult concept of Christianity as an evolving philosophy based on earthly politics, rather than a system of belief set in tablets of stone, is already, for most, the received wisdom.

The fight that is now unfolding is not for the internal governance of the Church of England, interesting though that may prove, but the struggle between Anglicanism and the resurgent "universal" church of Rome.

Women who were unable to gain entry to the historic ordination on Saturday appeared careless of this reality. Indeed, they were jubilant. Gathered around little radio sets in the rain and gloom, they joined in the interminable hymns and prayers and, at five minutes past six, as the Bishop of Bristol pronounced the 32 pioneers priests of the Church, they cheered and clapped, joined by several gay rights activists, their Aids ribbons pinned to their lapels.

Not, of course, that the chauvinist tendency in the Roman church is having it all its own way. Banners outside the cathedral, including one from an Irish group daubed with shamrocks, proclaimed the support of Catholic women for the advance made by their Anglican sisters.

But there was also dismay among onlookers. "Well," said one surly looking man, "that's the end of the Church of England."

Earlier, opposite the newly-restored cathedral green, in the College Tavern, a group of young women sought to persuade the barman to let them change the channel on the silent television from *Song For Europe Preview 1994* on BBC1 to *Priests For Our Time* on BBC2.

Reluctantly, the barman handed them the channel changer, but for some reason the screen refused to comply, and the women, huddled over cold coffee, were obliged to rely on their radio.

As in the cathedral Bishop Barry Rogerson spoke of St Paul's own journey towards truth on the road to Damascus, on the pub's loudspeakers Barry White rendered his throaty version of "Can't Get Enough Of Your Love". It seemed cruelly appropriate.

NEWS IN BRIEF

12 hurt in train crash on bridge

Twelve passengers were injured yesterday when a stationary train was hit head on by another train. The accident, on a bridge at Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, was believed to have been caused by a signalling fault.

The moving train was travelling at low speed and damage to both was confined to crumpling of the front carriages. The trains were carrying a total of 16 passengers.

British Rail said that routine engineering work was in progress when the accident happened. An enquiry is expected to begin later this week.

Winning spell

Dorchester Town, of the Beazer Homes League, won their first match for months on Saturday — the day after the part-time druid who cursed their ground agreed to lift his spell. David Green chanted in the middle of the pitch shortly after the team vicar had performed an exorcism.

Guilty secret

Lyndon Hawkins, 78, of Thornbury, Avon, and his former Cub pack leader, Father David Kee, 90, are to meet for the first time in 68 years after Mr Hawkins wrote to apologise for stealing two triangles of Toblerone chocolate from under Father Kee's pillow during a Cub camp in 1926.

Fear for snakes

Hundreds of snakes and lizards are feared to have died in a fire on Upton heath, near Poole, Dorset. The 640-acre heath is one of Britain's main breeding grounds for smooth snakes and sand lizards.

Test triumph

Rosemary Milvain, of Eglingham, Northumberland, passed her driving test at the age of 84 after being banned by magistrates for driving without due care and attention.

Bond winners

Winners in the weekly National Savings Premium Bond prize draw: £100,000, bond number 12VS 785205, from Redbridge, east London, value of holding £781; £50,000, 22XP 200127, East Sussex (£3,331); £25,000, 16ST 049235, Cumbria (£200).

Search for bodies will last weeks

BY A STAFF REPORTER

POLICE excavating 25 Cromwell Street, Gloucester, said yesterday that it could be another two weeks before they were satisfied that there were no more bodies buried there.

They returned to their grim task after a rest day on Saturday, their first break in 16 days. They were concentrating on the cellar and ground-floor bathroom areas, where six sets of human remains have been discovered after three bodies were unearthed in the garden.

Part of the cellar has been closed off for further examination and the upper floors have also to be searched in detail. Further excavations are planned in a field 15 miles away at Kempley.

Frederick West, 52, is in custody charged with eight murders, including that of his 16-year-old daughter Heather.

The Missing Persons Bureau yesterday asked anyone reported as missing to mark Mother's Day by calling their families.

Prayers were said in Roman Catholic churches throughout the county for the victims of the killings. The Rt Rev Mervyn Alexander, Bishop of Clifton, said: "It is not easy to come to terms with the scale of such horrors. It is difficult to believe such evil deeds could be concealed for so long."

Hi-tech toys 'no substitute for old-fashioned baby talk'

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

MODERN child-rearing methods and the introduction too early of high-technology toys are blamed today for a rise in the number of young children with speech defects.

A decline in traditional forms of play and increasing exposure to television and videos are holding back language development, researchers believe. Some children can recite TV jingles before they can speak properly.

A survey published today suggests that one in five pre-school children has a speech or hearing difficulty, a third higher than had been thought.

Dr Pam Enderby, director of the Speech and Language Therapy Unit of Frenchay Hospital, Bristol, who oversaw the study, said parents no longer devoted as much time to playing with or talking to their children. Many were not involved in day-to-day childcare and did not mix frequently with other young children, and so did not know what progress to expect.

"Adults have so many demands on their time nowadays that they do not always manage to get down on the floor and play," said Dr Enderby. "They tend to try to engage children in quite difficult conversation before they are ready, rather than going through the baby talk."

Early use of toys with built-in sound, such as speaking dolls, can also be harmful, the study says. Children are entertained passively rather than experimenting with sounds of their own.

Dr Enderby said: "Old favorites like Teddy, animals and trains encourage interaction and role play. Sophisticated toys and long periods in front of the television or video can stifle the imagination. There are children now who can repeat jingles even if they cannot talk very well because they just take them in without knowing what they mean."

Dr Deborah Gibbard, the chief speech and language therapist with Portsmouth Health Care, who conducted her own research among children, said: "Parents can help their child's development by using language in daily routines and during activities of interest and importance to their child. The more interested they are, the faster they will learn."

Today's survey found that many parents did not seek specialist help until their child was about to go to school. Parents often assumed that children would "grow out" of their difficulties.

Dr Enderby said: "Parents must not feel guilty if their child has a speech problem. If they are worried, they should see their health visitor or GP." The survey, based on a sample of more than a thousand children aged two to five, was sponsored by BT.



Sophisticated toys can be unsuitable for babies

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Shunned football boys up for the cup

BY JENNY KNIGHT

A SCHOOL soccer team is poised to win a cup competition without kicking a ball — because rival sides refuse to play them for political reasons.

The 11-year-old boys from Macmillan City Technology College in Middlesbrough, Cleveland, have already had walkover wins in four rounds of the Middlesbrough Schools' Cup after schools they were drawn against cancelled, because of disapproval of CTCs, which are viewed as elitist.

The boys now expect to take the trophy by default. Keith Prytherch, 34, Macmillan PE master, said yesterday: "Our year seven side hasn't had a game. Two of our other teams are also still in the cup, thanks to a mixture of walkovers when their opponents decline to play, and proper wins. It is a great shame that politics have been brought into sport.

"Teachers from schools we were due to play in the cup have told me quite openly that their children would love to give us a match but they are not allowed to. Political pressure has been put on them to treat us as outcasts.

"Some headmasters and their staff still object to us being here. The lads in our team are confused by the situation. They just want to go out and have fun on a football pitch and can't understand why nobody will play them. Year seven has now won four cup ties without kicking a ball in anger and we expect to win the cup the same way."

Keith Legg, chairman of Cleveland County Council education committee, said last night that no instructions had been issued to schools telling them not to compete against the college's team.

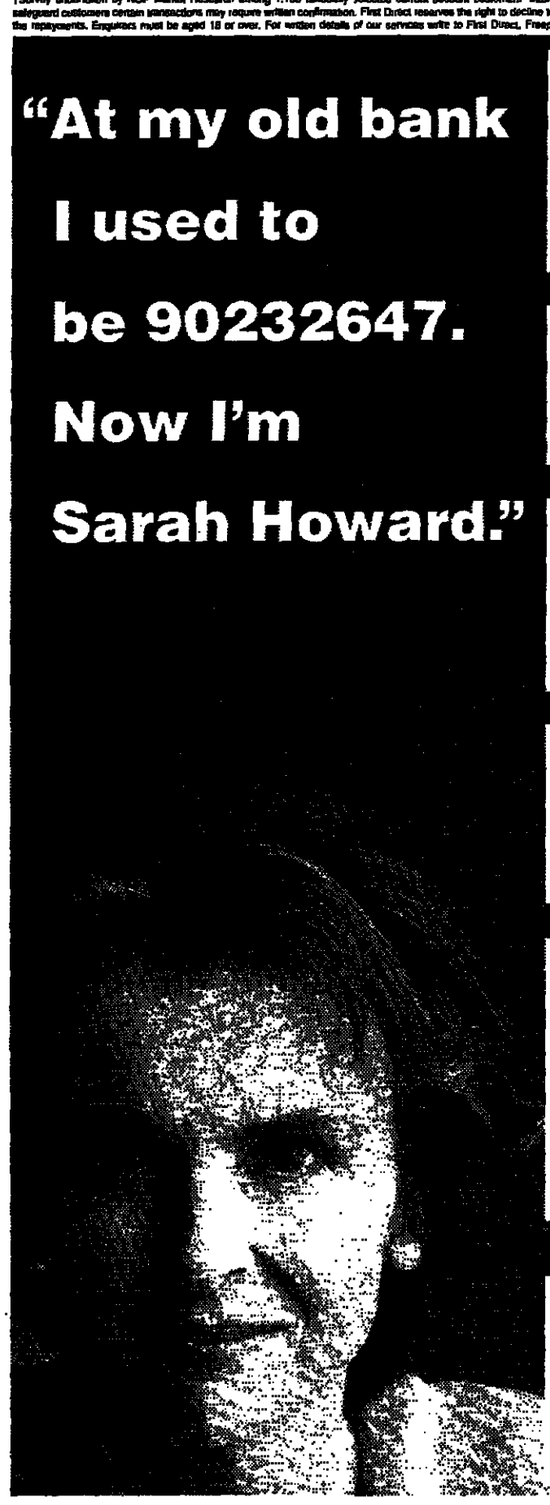
Opponents of CTCs complain that the colleges attract up to five times more funds per pupil than state schools.

Mr Prytherch added: "Some narrow-minded Labour councillors in this area have brought politics into sport. Political pressure has been put on schools to treat us as outcasts. This has sadly ruined a competition which was meant to be for the boys' enjoyment.

Mr Legg said: "I know nothing about this and I would like to speak to the college principal to find out what is going on. Sport in schools is run by teachers on a voluntary basis and it is not part of our job to interfere."

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Major urged to stand firm in EU vote dispute

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND GEORGE BROCK

JOHN Major and Douglas Hurd are trying to prevent a fresh dispute between Britain and her European partners from developing into a Maastricht-style split in the Conservative Party.

After a weekend of high-level diplomacy designed to explore the scope for compromise over voting rights, the Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary and other senior ministers will today decide the negotiating line to be taken by Mr Hurd at a crucial meeting of European Union foreign ministers tomorrow.

Mr Major is being warned against a retreat in the battle to maintain Britain's power to block unwelcome Brussels legislation.

Last night, it looked as though he intended to stand firm against any weakening of Britain's powers — even if it risked a crisis within the EU that could threaten the admission of Austria, Norway, Finland and Sweden.

Britain is ready to consider changes in the voting rules required after the arrival of the four new members, but Mr Major is said to be adamant that the existing bias against countries with the largest populations, such as Britain, must not be allowed to worsen.

In Whitehall yesterday, it was being suggested that the Greek presidency of the EU might be forced to call an emergency summit.

William Cash (C Stafford), the leading Euro-sceptic, said that to give in would be "an immense act of appeasement". He said: "We want to unite behind the Government and give it every possible encouragement to stand firm."

Under existing EU rules, the so-called "blocking minority" is 23 votes out of the total of 76 distributed between the EU's 12 members. Britain has 10 votes and, with help from another big country and one small three-vote member, it can block directives it finds objectionable.

After enlargement, it is proposed that the blocking vote should rise to 27 votes out of a new total of 90, which would mean that two of the larger countries could, together, no longer stop a directive.

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At least three possible compromises are being advanced, all of which could be presented by Britain as holding firm.

One is to allow 23 to remain as the blocking formula if the figure includes two of the four large nations — Britain, Germany, France and Italy.

Another is for the blocking figure to be lower than 27 if the total population of the countries involved is more than 100 million.

A third, much favoured by the Euro-sceptics, is to postpone any changes until the post-Maastricht inter-governmental conference in 1996.

The problem for Mr Major and Mr Hurd is that a failure to compromise could delay the very enlargement of the EU that they have so strongly advocated. The European parliament is saying that if the UK fails to accept the new voting plan, it will use its powers to bar new members. Euro-sceptic MPs say the Government should call the parliament's bluff.

Mr Major stands accused by his EU partners of pursuing a contradictory policy of urging rapid expansion while being ready to block enlargement with the voting quarrel. The European Commission President, Jacques Delors, has said that Anglo-Spanish plans to distort the voting system are a deviation from the philosophy of the Treaty of Rome and are unacceptable.

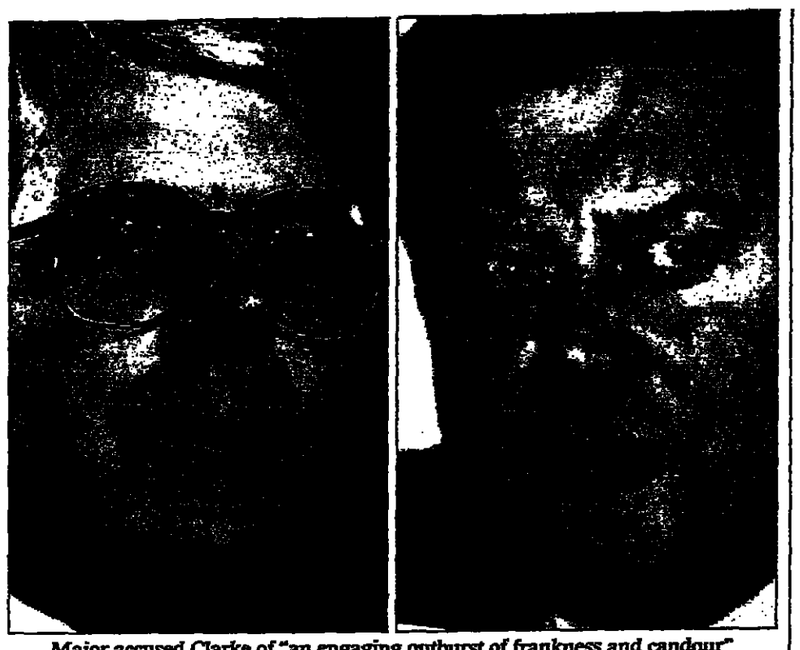
The dispute has effectively started the arguments over the revision of the Maastricht treaty two years before governments are committed to sitting down to decide whether it works as it should. The divisions over the arithmetic of majority voting reflect the cleavages and jostling for advantage which will be repeated in the Maastricht review conference in 1996.

Abstruse calculations about the size of a blocking minority conceal an emerging power struggle between the EU's large and small states. The present voting system used for some EU social policy and environmental law, research and development money and — eventually — decisions on a single currency, is weighted in favour of smaller states. It is no accident that the strongest advocates of the system being adjusted for new members by simple mathematical logic are Belgium and The Netherlands. Britain and Spain, similar in size but sharing few other interests, want the development of the system arrested until at least 1996 to protect the leverage of the larger states.

The outcome this week will inevitably influence the bigger decisions of 1996.

If the changes went through, the EU as a whole would have accepted the premise that greater notice should be taken of the size of a state's population. The way would be open for Germany (80 million citizens) to claim more votes than Britain or France (55 million apiece). Germany, Britain, France and Italy currently hold 10 votes.

Politicians have barely begun to consider what will happen to majorities and minorities when the EU heads towards 20 or more member states next century.



Major accused Clarke of "an engaging outburst of frankness and candour"

Candid Clarke's ambitions bring minor show of pique

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major acknowledged the leadership ambitions of Kenneth Clarke yesterday in remarks that suggested his impatience at the way cabinet colleagues have allowed speculation about his future.

The Prime Minister said that the Chancellor of the Exchequer was "suffering from an engaging outburst of frankness and candour" in stating that he would be a leadership contender in the future.

Mr Clarke said in a newspaper interview last week that he would like to be a contender, "but at a time of John Major's choosing".

There was irritation among Mr Major's close circle that the Chancellor had, probably unwittingly, given another boost to the speculation they were hoping would die away.

Mr Major, interviewed in the *Sunday Express*, said: "Ken works closely with me, he is a good friend and I have no doubt at all that when Ken says he would like to be Prime Minister he speaks the truth.

"Neither do I think he speaks anything other than the truth when he says he would like to be Prime Minister only after I have retired, which he expects to be at some stage in the future.

"I think he is suffering from an engaging outburst of frankness and candour."

Mr Major's words echo the irritation of some of his colleagues at the occasionally incautious words of Mr Clarke.

At the same time, Michael Heseltine declined to rule out the possibility of ever becoming Prime Minister. The Board of Trade President, whose stock has again risen among Tory MPs, declared that there were "no circumstances in which I would ever stand against John Major".

Interviewed on *A Week In Politics* on Channel 4, he said: "John Major is going to lead us into the next election and people know my forecast is that we shall win with a majority of 60."

Offered the chance of ruling out any leadership hopes, he said: "I am not using those words because nobody knows what the absolute extreme and unforeseen circumstances can be."

Mr Major, meanwhile, said he was "pretty unmoved" by talk of leadership challenges. "I have lived through them for the last two years. It has not affected what I think or what I do or how I handled the Government in those two years."

Referring to criticisms that he was not assertive enough, he said: "I am what I am and I do shout and bang the table, but I do it in private. I do not see any need to do it in public."

He added: "It is often the quiet voice that stills the storm and the loud voice just adds to the cacophony."

Peter Riddell, page 14

Tories to crack down on seaside dole hotels

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE Government is to crack down on hotels that advertise for people on the dole to spend the summer at the seaside, the Prime Minister announced yesterday.

In future, hotels that wished to convert to hostels would need to get planning permission first. "It will let local people decide and I think their views will be pretty crisp," he told the *Sunday Express*.

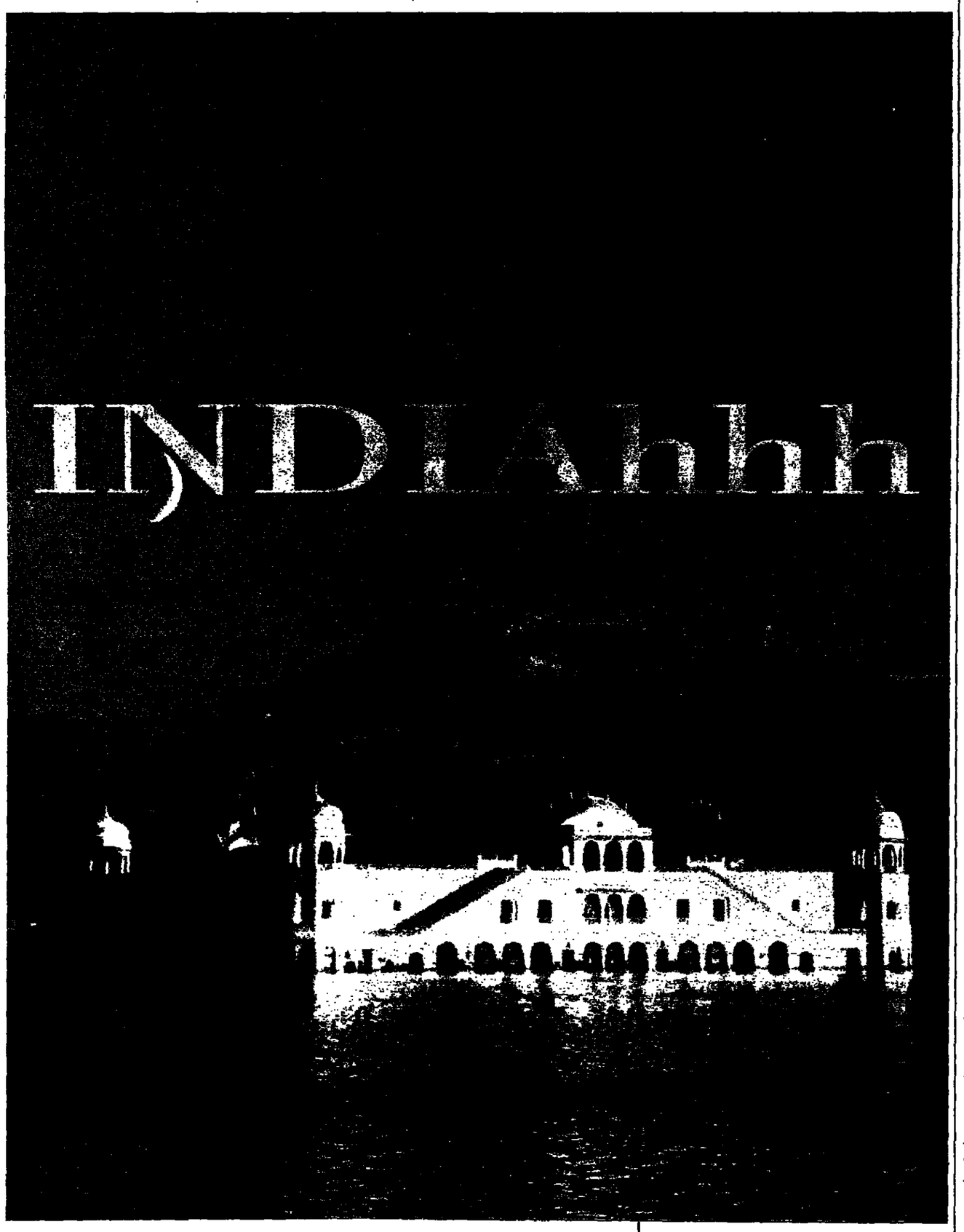
The Prime Minister, talking about social security fraud, said: "We are announcing plans to tackle another area of abuse — hostels dealing in benefit tourism. Small hotels have been advertising specifically to attract benefit claimants.

"It gives the hotel or hostel a guaranteed income from housing benefit but it tends to change the character of the area and gives rise to huge complaints. We are also looking at licensing existing hostels and closing them down if they have poor standards."

David Curry, planning minister, told *The World This Weekend* on Radio 4: "What is happening at present is that you can convert your seaside hotel to a hostel which then houses benefit claimants without any form of authorisation. We are saying that it is reasonable for the local planning committee to be able to take a decision and to decide that it does not want to go any further down this road."

The move was backed by Sir Teddy Taylor, Tory MP for Southend East, who said the town had suffered from a nightmare of problems caused by drugs and petty crime. "It is ridiculous that planning controls do not give councils any real decision-making role on how many of these conversions there should be."

But Frank Field, the Labour chairman of the all-party Commons Social Security Select Committee, said the move would not work. He said there was a huge amount of accommodation in resorts with few users in the off-peak periods, and that seaside landlords and landladies would still be filling places with people on benefit.



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Leader launches campaign strategy

Activists promote a party in unison

BY OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Liberal Democrat faithful left Cardiff last night with a song in their hearts as they set out on the most critical campaigning period outside a general election.

For the first time, Paddy Ashdown's party bowed out of their spring conference on a lyrical, rather than oratorical, upbeat note. It was a conference intended to create pleasing harmony rather than a memorable masterpiece.

Throughout the two-day conference, however, Liberal Democrats were searching more urgently for a theme to promote in their campaign territories in the five parliamentary byelections, European parliamentary elections, and in the elections for the hundreds of metropolitan and district council seats.

The party chose consistency as the theme to link all the campaigns. Speeches emphasised the need for activists to reinforce fundamental policies without being distracted by "a hundred days of heavy shelling", which Charles Kennedy, the party president, predicted would come from their opponents.

The conference was dominated by the issues of inner cities. The urban policy paper sat alongside homelessness, lone parenting, prostitution, and the election campaigns in the metropolitan districts, where the party sees its greatest chance of success.

Ashdown puts education first

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PADDY Ashdown moved to seize the initiative on education yesterday, making the issue a cornerstone of Liberal Democrat strategy.

In a shift of Liberal Democrat campaign tactics, education will be promoted as central to party ideology, as Mr Ashdown seeks a subject that can be readily identified with Liberal Democrat beliefs.

Mr Ashdown drew yesterday on his tour of Britain, during which he met voters from many walks of life, and which has convinced him that his party needs to retain close links with the community by asserting its authority on such an important issue.

Addressing his party's spring conference in Cardiff yesterday, he pointed to the forthcoming parliamentary by-elections and the elections for the European parliament and local councils. He said an important element of the campaign to rebuild public faith in politics would be to rebuild trust over taxation. Referring to the "diet of lies and slippery half-truths about tax", Mr Ashdown said his party would by contrast continue to tell people exactly where their money would be spent.

"We are right to seek new ways of earmarking taxes so people can have more say in tax and spending decisions. And above all, we are right to insist that taxation is fair."

The party leadership is worried that the public is not sufficiently aware of the party's objectives, in spite of the electoral successes of the past year. Mr Ashdown said: "What Liberal Democrats stand for, above all else, is the development of Britain's greatest single natural resource, our people." He said investment in education "is at the core of all our policies".

The pledge announced before the 1992 general election to add a penny to the basic rate of income tax to pay for education was seen as highly successful, and yesterday the Liberal Democrat leader did not rule out extending the plan to other areas of spending.

Education, Mr Ashdown said, "is the most important ladder of all. It extends the range of choices open to each individual."

Senior party figures have voiced some concern that Mr Ashdown has become closely identified with the issue of Bosnia, over which he has taken a prominent stance. They believe that he needs to focus attention on an important domestic issue to bring added support to the party.



Ashdown: "Insist that taxation is fair"

Labour told to rethink pensions

JOHN Smith will be urged today to carry out "a radical rethink of pensions policy" to improve the living standards of poor pensioners (Jonathan Prynn writes).

The call comes in a discussion paper from the Commission on Social Justice, set up by the Labour Leader after the last election to consider the future of the welfare state. The commission, chaired by Sir Gordon Borrie, is to publish its final report in the autumn.

The Pensions Dilemma rejects across-the-board increases in the state pension as a long-term option, instead outlining possible reforms aimed at securing a minimum income for all pensioners. "Neither raising the basic state pension nor increasing means-testing — the traditional policies of left and right — are sufficient to help pensioners out of poverty today or provide security in old age for the next century," it says.

It points out that merely raising the basic pension to its 1977 level relative to earnings would cost taxpayers £4.5 billion a year and would benefit better off pensioners most. Increased means testing is rejected because of "problems of stigma, low take-up and disincentives to save".

The report, by Paul Johnson of the Institute for Fiscal Studies, is certain to provoke further fierce debate within the party.

Lawyers face bill for shoddy service under Bar reforms

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

BARRISTERS who provide a shoddy service could be ordered to pay compensation to aggrieved clients under a radical reorganisation of the Bar's complaints machinery to be proposed next month.

At the same time, chambers will be expected to publicise the fees barristers charge and to explain how they are calculated. Barristers could also face penalties for returning briefs at the last minute, when they are double-booked.

The reforms are part of a fundamental overhaul of the Bar's standards being carried out by a group of lawyers and laymen under Lord Alexander of Weedon QC, chairman of National Westminister Bank and a former Bar chairman.

Their draft report, expected early in April, is aimed at ending the image of the Bar as an aloof profession in which clients have no redress against poor service and complaints are dealt with behind closed doors. It is hoped to make the Bar more user-friendly, with clients' needs put first and barristers made accountable for poor performance.

Among the main proposals expected are: compensation for complaints involving shoddy work; tribunal hearings dealing with complaints of professional misconduct to be opened to the public; chambers to set up internal complaints systems; barristers to publicise fees; judges to take an active role in reporting on poor peformance or time-wasting in court; fees for legal aid work to be related to performance in court; "best practice" standards to be issued covering such matters as how quickly briefs should be returned; proper record keeping systems to be introduced for chambers; and a wider programme of compulsory continuing education for barristers.

One Bar Council official said: "I don't think one should underestimate the capacity of the review body to make constructive and effective recommendations. The package as a whole could be quite substantial."

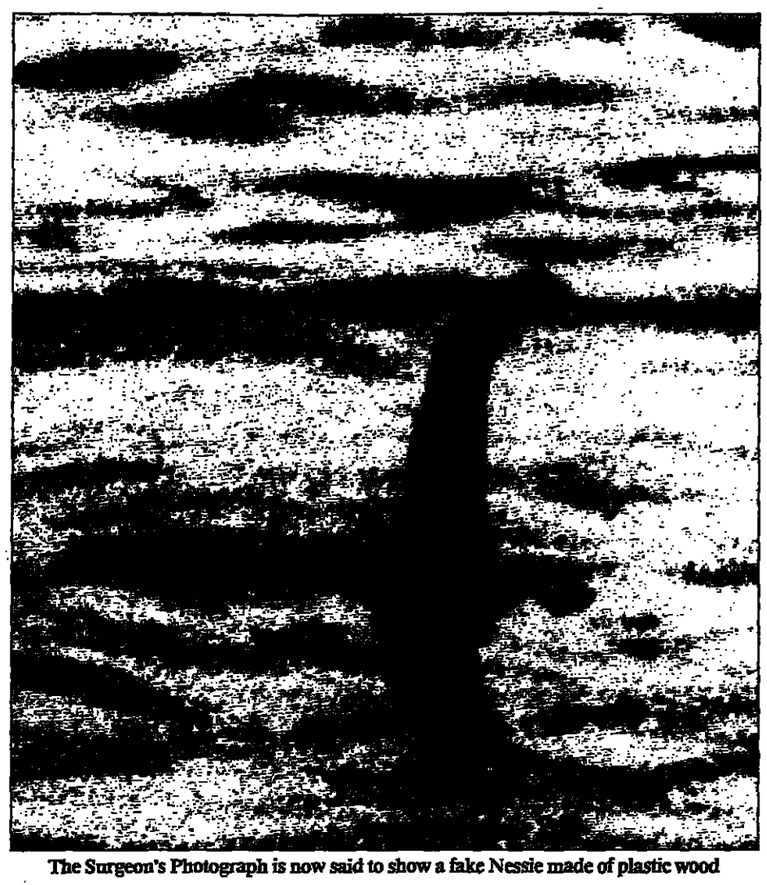
At the heart of the report will be the overhaul of the complaints machinery in line with proposals from Michael Barnes, who as Legal Services Ombudsman monitors the profession's handling of complaints, the Consumers' Association and the National Consumer Council.

Complaints against barristers are on the increase, but under the present system complainants get short shrift: the Bar will entertain a complaint only if it amounts to professional misconduct and is therefore a disciplinary offence.

"It is primarily a disciplinary system which exists for the benefit of the profession rather than a complaints system," Mr Barnes said.

The report is expected to suggest a system in which a barrister found guilty of shoddy work could be ordered to remit fees to the client.

Although the system of the "brief fee" is likely to remain, the report is expected to recommend changes so that there is earlier delivery of the brief by solicitors combined with a system of part-payment. This would tackle the problem of briefs either being delivered just before trial or barristers sitting on the brief and preparing it at the last minute.



The Surgeon's Photograph is now said to show a fake Nessie made of plastic wood

Nessie hunt goes on after scientists concede hoax

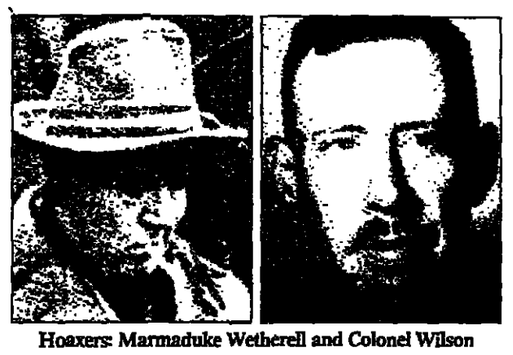
BY JOHN YOUNG

A SCIENTIST investigating the existence of the Loch Ness monster refused to dismiss the popular legend yesterday, in spite of the most famous picture of the supposed creature being exposed as a hoax.

Adrian Shine, leader of the Loch Ness and Morar Project, set up to discover whether a mysterious being inhabits the deep waters southwest of Inverness, even welcomed the revelation that the photograph which appeared in the *Daily Mail* in April 1934 was a fraud.

According to new claims, the picture was concocted using a toy submarine fitted with the head and neck of a sea serpent made from plastic wood. It was taken by Colonel Robert Wilson, a Harley Street gynaecologist, who claimed to have seen "something in the water" on April 19, 1934, and has since been known as the Surgeon's Photograph.

Researchers have, however, discovered that Wilson was the front man for a conspiracy to hoodwink Fleet Street led by Marmaduke Wetherell, a self-styled big game hunter, who had been hired by the *Daily Mail* to track down the monster. The other members of the group were Wetherell's son Ian, his stepson Christian Spurling, and Maurice Chambers, an insurance broker, all of whom are now dead.



Hoaxers: Marmaduke Wetherell and Colonel Wilson

Wetherell is said to have been motivated by revenge after his "discovery" of footprints on a beach in Loch Ness was discredited by the Natural History Museum, which said the prints had been made by the dried foot of a hippopotamus, perhaps part of an umbrella stand.

Mr Shine said yesterday that he was convinced that the report of the hoax was valid. Much of the research was carried out by one of his own staff, Alastair Boyd. "It was always a very controversial photograph," he said. When the negative was inspected, the "monster" was found to be very small.

But Mr Shine added: "Eyewitness acounts still suggest that there is something powerful in the loch. As scientists, we naturally resent hoax evidence, because it discredits the seriousness of our research. I hope the whole mystery can now be approached more openly."

Nuclear sub could leak at any time

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

A RUSSIAN nuclear submarine wrecked in a fishing ground used by European trawlers could begin discharging big quantities of radioactive materials at any time, a British nuclear engineer said yesterday.

Scientists had believed that the two nuclear warheads on board the *Komsomolets* submarine, lost in 1989 in the Barents Sea in the Arctic Ocean, would leak their radioactive cargo in tiny amounts over hundreds of years.

But new studies by Russian military scientists indicate that chemical reactions between the sea-water and the two nuclear torpedoes and the sub's titanium hull are accelerating the corrosion of the warheads. The radioactive pollution could stretch over "several thousands of kilometres," the studies by a Moscow nuclear safety centre show.

John Large, a British nuclear engineer who has just returned from a meeting in St Petersburg, said the Russian military scientists now feared widespread fish contamination could be triggered within three years.

Mr Large said the submarine's reactor, believed to have been damaged in an explosion after a fire and now awash with sea water, may also "go critical" soon.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Karpov wins Linares

With a win against Vladimir Kramnik in round 11 and a draw against Vishy Anand in round 12, Anatoly Karpov, the Fide champion, has scored ten points with one round to go in the Linares tournament and thus assured himself of first prize.

Brilliant sacrifices

In round 11, the Russian grandmaster Evgeny Bareev sacrificed almost all of his pieces in a game which will almost certainly win the brilliancy prize.

White: Veselin Topalov

Black: Evgeny Bareev

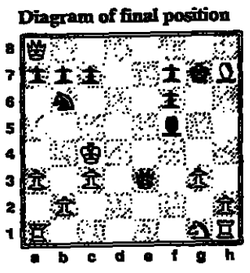
Linares, March 1994

French Defence

1	e4	e6
2	d4	d5
3	Nc3	Nf6
4	Bg5	dxe4
5	Nxe4	Be7
6	Bxf6	Bxf6
7	c3	Nd7
8	Qc2	c5
9	dxe5	Nxe5
10	f4	Ng6
11	g3	0-0
12	Bd3	Qd5
13	a3	Nxd4
14	Nxd6+	cxd6
15	Bxh7+	Kg7
16	Qe4	Re8
17	Qxe8	Bf5
18	Qxa8	Qe4+
19	Kf2	Qg2+
20	Ke3	Nd5+
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22	Kc5	Qa3+
23	Kc4	Nb6+

White resigns

Diagram of final position



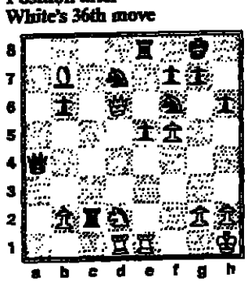
Kasparov controversy

The following position shows where Garry Kasparov was accused of cheating in round 5.

White: Judit Polgar

Black: Garry Kasparov

Position after White's 36th move



In the above position Kasparov played 36 ... Nf8. Polgar, onlookers and Spanish television claim that Kasparov first made the move 36 ... Nc5 and let go of the piece. In that case, Polgar would have then won with 37 Bc6 attacking Black's queen on a4 and his rook on e8.

Winning Move, page 40



KAZAKHSTAN NUCLEAR TEST VICTIM

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These early warning signs have already been seen near to nuclear installations such as Sellafield, where plutonium is processed for nuclear weapons; near the sites of major nuclear accidents like Chernobyl, as well as at nuclear test sites around the world.

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It is our opinion that these risks are real. They beckon a world where radiation linked disease becomes an accepted part of everyday life. As if to prove the point, it can be shown from official figures that 2,000 will die because of the discharges from Sellafield over the next ten years.

Many will be children. But nobody knows which children, or when they will die, or where.

The nuclear industry, somewhat coldly, terms their deaths "theoretical". Even though it accepts the theory. To the children and the parents, however, it will be no mere theory. It will be an agonising horror.

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Unanswered questions over scandal feed rumours of sexual adventure and killing

Conspiracy theory in Whitewater case widens to murder

Frank Murray of the Washington Times traces the roots of the Whitewater imbroglio to small-town politics, business — and crime

Not since the assassination of John F. Kennedy have so many conspiracy theories been launched about the alleged wrongdoings of the great and the good. The apparent suicide in suspicious circumstances last July of Vincent Foster, Bill and Hillary Clinton's old friend and legal associate, set the Whitewater rumour mill going. But it was the no-less mysterious murder of Jerry Parks, the President's former chief of security, in his home state of Arkansas, which took the gossip to fever pitch. Whitewater investigators seeking to prove financial and political wrongdoing by Mr Clinton or his wife are being deluged by racy tales of murder, money and sexual adventure.

One version accepts Foster's shooting death as suicide and suggests his body was dumped near the headquarters of the CIA by White House aides who were protecting a secret Virginia safe house that Administration officials had used for "private meetings". It was in that apartment and not at the park, they say, that Foster put the gun in his mouth and fired. This would explain the lack of blood behind the gaping head wound and why nobody in the park heard the shot.

Others say Foster was murdered and the evidence was missed by a blundering pathologist and by the park police. One story has Whitewater records stolen from the safe in Foster's office. But officials insist Foster had no safe in his office. Mr Clinton said reporters and opposition members twist the facts "like taffy to the nth degree." (Taffy is American for liquid toffee.)

Paradoxically, the countless Kennedy-style conspiracy theories are also unwelcome to Republicans in Congress — who wish for the maximum embarrassment if not impeachment of the Clintons. "All the nuts are coming out of the woodwork. I'm concerned the whole thing will be dismissed in the public's mind because it's all so bizarre," one Republican at the Capitol said.

The strange cast of characters includes:

■ Jerry Parks, owner of the Little Rock security firm employed by the Clinton-Gore campaign, who was shot dead in gangland style last September.

■ Bob Trout, a former nightclub owner and inmate of the Arkansas state prison, who lives in Hot Springs but is well-known to Little Rock police.

■ Tommy McIntosh, a cocaine dealer and the son of Mr Clinton's old enemy, Robert "Say" McIntosh, who claims Tommy was pardoned from prison by the acting Governor on Inauguration Day — fulfilling the President's promise to have it done if Mr McIntosh would stop attacking him.

■ David Hale, a former judge and another Clinton opponent, who says he and Jim Johnson, a former Supreme Court Justice, expect to force the President to resign. They claim to have proof he arranged a fraudulent $300,000 (£200,000) federal loan.

■ Harry Hastings, a political fixer who has a reputation that is charitably called unflattering.



HILLARY Clinton, above, dismissed a White House usher last week because he was helping Barbara Bush, the former First Lady, to sort out problems with her laptop computer (Ian Brodie writes). Chris Emery, 36, father of four, lost his $50,000 (£33,000) job after seven years because Mrs Clinton felt "uncomfortable" with him, White House aides said yesterday. With all the Whitewater ambiguities and chaos, leading to the White House counsel's resignation and half a dozen staff answering subpoenas, the incident is bound to be interpreted by critics as showing a thin-skinned, imperious streak.

Deaths which are being discussed by the conspiracy theorists include that of Herschel Friday, a lawyer who headed Arkansas' largest law firm, who died in a private plane crash two weeks ago, and the 1987 suicide of Little Rock bond broker John Markle, son of Mercedes McCambridge, the actress. Markle left most of his $1 million estate to his mother after killing his two daughters and his wife.

Long after the Vince Foster case was marked down as suicide, Robert Fiske, the special counsel, hired Roderick Lankler, a Manhattan homicide specialist, along with a pathologist and forensic scientists to review the case. They still want to know why Foster's body was laid out so neatly, gun in hand, and why it had cooled so much. Foster had begun taking anti-depressant drugs and seeing a psychiatrist. He was in despair over his failures on behalf of the Clintons. But many who acknowledge that he was depressed cannot believe that it was coincidental that he chose to die on the day search warrants were served on Judge Hale, the man who boasted he could bring down the President.

Powder burns inside the mouth and the huge exit wound in the back of Foster's head were consistent with suicide from a gun fired into his mouth. Nitrates embedded in the skin of his hand matched the pattern of test firings with the .38-calibre revolver. An indentation on his thumb matched the pattern of the trigger on the First World War gun, which proved untraceable. But the suicide verdict was put in doubt when it emerged that Dr James Beyer, deputy chief medical examiner since 1971, had botched a previous post-mortem examination. He described as suicide a stabbing which later proved to be murder and for which the victim's girlfriend went to prison. Dr Beyer's mistake was excused on the grounds that he had experienced a stroke, contracted tuberculosis from one corpse, and was bitten by a snake.

Nominees for the role of "hit-man" in the wilder tales, range from the First Lady herself to Jerry Parks, the 47-year-old campaign security chief, whose unsolved Little Rock execution followed Foster's death by two months. The Whitewater case is rife with puzzles, including the identity of the person who telephoned the 911 emergency number to report Foster's body in the park. It even has, in Trout, a former nightclub owner whom conspiracy buffs cast in the role played by Dallas lounge-owner Jack Ruby, who ostensibly killed President Kennedy's killer to keep the secret.

Lieutenant Charles Holladay, of Little Rock Police, said yesterday: "Parks's wife believes this was more than just a coincidental random shooting. She has expressed her opinion about the possible motive but hasn't been able to provide any useful information that would justify that opinion."

One shot was fired through the back window of Mr Parks' 1993 Chevrolet as he drove home in broad daylight. The assailants then drove alongside his car at a stop sign and pumped three 9-millimetre bullets into his body. "His background and business dealings in the past might have provided a motive, but I think the suspicion is maybe doing injustice to a lot of people who had a dispute with the individual in the past," Lt Holladay said when asked about Trout, who went to prison for beating a disc jockey in the head with a baseball bat after a business dispute. Another Little Rock Whitewater-watcher says: "Bob Trout's name comes up in everything. I'm not surprised somebody's made some connection."

Mrs Clinton, meanwhile, calls the rumours "paranoid conspiracies" and refuses to join her husband in replying to "malevolent, malicious, false gossip."



The thumb of Vincent Foster, the former deputy White House counsel, caught in the trigger guard of a gun after his apparent suicide last July. The picture, from a video released at the weekend in Washington and taken where his body was found near the Potomac river, seems to support the theory that he killed himself and no third party was involved

NEWS IN BRIEF

Restraint urged on India in Kashmir

London: British attempts to defeat terrorism in Northern Ireland within the law and with respect for human rights will be used as an example today by John Major as he urges Narasimha Rao, the Indian prime minister, to pay particular attention to human rights in Kashmir when the two men begin talks in Downing Street (Michael Binyon writes).

Mr Major will express Britain's "great concern" over Kashmir, and urge India and Pakistan to revive their dialogue under the 1972 Simla agreement. He will also call on both countries to stop material support for militants across the line of control. The talks come a day after Muslim militants staged massive attacks on Indian troops across Kashmir in protest at the arrest of a rebel leader.

Kashmir however will be the only point of contention during Mr Rao's four-day visit, which will focus on the growing trade between Britain and India and India's economic liberalisation. Exports in both directions increased 20 per cent last year, with Indian exports breaking the billion pound mark.

Aid proposal

New York: The Clinton Administration is discussing a proposal that Congress lift its ban on military aid to Pakistan in exchange for a halt in Pakistani nuclear production. *The New York Times* quoted a White House official as saying. *(Reuter)*

Miners' threat

Moscow: Russian coalminers are threatening to strike, demanding the dismissal of the Yeltsin administration if their demands for millions of roubles of "essential state support" for their industry are not met. Similar strikes toppled Mikhail Gorbachev.

War record

Washington: Kurt Waldheim, former UN Secretary-General and Austrian Presi-dent, "assisted or participated" in the deportation, mistreatment and execution of civilians and Allied troops in the Second World War, the Justice Department said.

Flying again

Warsaw: The national airlines of Poland and Britain have resumed flights between the two countries, ending a 19-week break in air links between Warsaw and London because of a dispute over the number of journeys between the two capitals. *(AP)*

Letters fright

Madrid: Fiat has dropped a mailshot campaign to sell its Cinquecento model to young Spanish women after it sent 50,000 of them bogus love letters on pink paper, frightening some of them from going out, thinking that they were genuine. *(AFP)*

Far-right gains

Vienna: Austria's far-right Freedom Party, which calls for restrictions on immigration, made gains in all three provincial elections, first projections showed, increasing it share of the vote in Tyrol, Salzburg and Carinthia. *(Reuter)*

Devils dance

Brussels: Hundred of revellers dressed as vampires, ghouls, goblins and devils danced at a Vampire Ball in a 19th-century hotel to celebrate the 12th Brussels festival of fantasy, science-fiction and thriller films. *(Reuter)*

US businessmen condemn linking trade with China's human rights

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

■ **The Secretary of State faced a wall of silence in Peking over dissidents, but American big business raised its voice against the emphasis on human rights**

A BELEAGUERED Warren Christopher, reeling from harsh verbal attacks at the weekend from Chinese leaders, faced bitter criticism from the American business community yesterday over the Clinton Administration's linking of trade with human rights in China. The businessmen felt they could see billions of dollars in US investments here disappearing down the drain.

The Secretary of State said he told the angry American executives that the linking of the most favoured nation (MFN) trading status with Chinese improvement in human rights was supported by both Houses of Congress and was "an expression of core American values".

Businessmen representing 300 US enterprises in China, at a closed breakfast meeting, told Mr Christopher that by withdrawing China's MFN status in June, if President Clinton was not satisfied Peking had complied with human rights strictures, the Administration risked not only destroying the US business presence in the world's fastest growing market but also taking away the impetus for market-oriented reforms that have spurred liberalisation here.

John Hart, a leading businessman who was at the meeting, said later: "Clearly if we withdrew MFN we are disengaging with the Chinese. We see changes happening regularly because we are here and we are having an influence.

"Look at the example of Taiwan and South Korea, which were extremely repressive regimes at one time. As those countries have economically modernised there has been tremendous progress in the establishment of human rights. We fully expect that this is what would happen in China."

Last night, a weary looking Mr Christopher, who leaves today after a further meeting with Qian Qichen, the Foreign Minister, said the American businessmen would help their case if they influenced "our Chinese friends to give us the evidence of their concerns for human rights".

☐ **Petition power:** When President Jiang told Mr Christopher that Washington was too concerned with a "very small group of troublemakers," he did not explain the nature of the "trouble" (Our Foreign Staff writes). It is a potential alliance of dissident intellectuals, urban workers and peasants. Petitions and charters circulating in Peking before the arrival of Mr Christopher appealed to the government to cease using violence against its critics, allow workers, peasants, and the tens millions of unemployed now roaming over China to form trade unions — to protect them against the growth of explicitly mentioned Chinese-style "capitalism." The petitions call as well for the recognition of genuine autonomy for Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Nearly all those involved in the composition and distribution of these documents, who are academics, lawyers, and workers, were detained or arrested before the arrival of Mr Christopher. Some remain in custody but last night Yang Zhou, spokesman for the Chinese Human Rights Association was released Sunday after being arrested by police for the second time in 24 hours.

Kerrigan skates out of her class as television comic

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

TO DEMONSTRATE that she is still worthy of America's adoration (and attendant advertising contracts), figure skater Nancy Kerrigan hosted the television comedy show *Saturday Night Live* at the weekend and told a string of jokes, most of which fell flatter than a botched triple axel spin.

Kerrigan's career has been more than a little bumpy since she won the Olympic silver medal in Lillehammer. First she made catty remarks about the gold medalist, Oksana Baiul, then she failed to turn up for the Olympic closing ceremony and finally, heretically, she belittled Mickey Mouse during a Disney parade.

The US press swarmed in to savage the erstwhile ice princess quicker than you could say "Whitewater". Kerrigan's appearance on *Saturday Night Live* is the second rung up the ladder in her slow climb back into public favour. The first was to weep copiously on live television, a performance she completed flawlessly last week. After her comedy television appearance on Saturday most critics agreed that Kerrigan should probably stick to her day job, but she received high marks for bravery. She derided her $2 million (£1.3 million) deal with Disney (difficult to pull off, this particular move), hammed it up with an overweight comedian in a leotard and made fun of her own *faux pas*.



Kerrigan: slow climb back into public favour

During a Disney parade in Florida, shortly after she returned from Norway, Kerrigan was overheard remarking "this is the most corniest thing I've ever done", but on *Saturday Night Live* she explained she had actually said that posing with the all-powerful cartoon rodent was "the horniest thing" she had ever done.

Kerrigan is the latest celebrity to use *Saturday Night Live as a forum to show that*, underneath it all, they are funny, witty and self-mocking. Unfunny consumer advocate Ralph Nader, actor Charlton Heston and former presidential press secretary Ron Nessen have all taken the stage in the past to show the warmth of their personalities.

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Lower Saxony voters signal crucial Kohl humiliation

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

HELMUT Kohl's Christian Democratic Union braced itself yesterday for a humiliating defeat in the Lower Saxony state elections. The result will set the tone for Germany's bumper election year and the signs are that the Chancellor will be forced onto the defensive.

Lower Saxony has been ruled for the past four years by a coalition of Social Democrats (SPD) and Greens — a so-called "Red-Green" government. The strong personality of Gerhard Schroder, the SPD Prime Minister, has ensured that some of the more radical elements of the Greens' programme — an end to nuclear power, scrapping of arms orders — have been dropped.

The eve-of-election opinion polls gave the SPD a clear lead over the Christian Democrats of 45 per cent to 35 per cent. The Greens, hovering at 7 per cent, seem the natural coalition partner yet again. In some ways this would play into the Chancellor's hands: he can warn Germans about the rise of the Red-Greens and give the impression that their unpredictable left-wing alliance is the alternative to his own experienced and secure style of government.

The two sides have drawn different finishing lines. The CDU would count it as a success of sorts if it manages to scrape together 38 per cent of the vote, 6 per cent less than in the state election of 1990. The SPD is aiming for an absolute majority so that it can finally dispense with the embarrassment of a Green partner. In order to achieve this goal, the Social Democrats would need to score about 46 per cent — a feasible aim given the opinion poll predictions — and both the liberal Free Democrats and the right-wing Republicans would have to flop.

If those two small parties fail to reach 5 per cent — and the opinion polls suggest this is quite possible — then they will not have any seats in the state parliament. The Republicans are counting on the large number of undecided voters. Many German sympathisers of the extreme right refuse to give their voting preference to opinion poll samplers.

Since the 1960s, Lower Saxony has had a groundswell of support for the far right or even neo-Nazi groupings, who play especially on the farming communities' fear of foreigners, and their resistance to refugee centres being set up in villages.

☐ **Berlin:** Heinrich Count von Einsiedel, 72, great-grandson of Otto von Bismarck, Germany's first Prime Minister, announced he would run for parliament as a communist candidate in Bavaria. *(Reuter)*

Election marathon

■ **March 13, Lower Saxony: first challenge to Helmut Kohl. Will Social Democrat-Green alliance — present state government — humiliate his Christian Democrats?**

■ **March 20, Schleswig-Holstein local polls: may see mass defection from traditional parties. Will far-right parties gain?**

■ **June 12, European parliament election: wave of protest likely to reach new pitch. Momentum may start building to remove Kohl.**

■ **June 26, September 11, October 16, six state elections, five in east Germany: will east Germans reject Christian Democrats?**

■ **October 16, national elections: can the CDU-Free Democrat coalition survive? Will Rudolf Scharping, the Social Democrat leader, be the new Chancellor?**



Fausto Bertinotti: denies anti-Nato stance jeopardises poll hopes

Italian left moves to play down influence of Communist chief

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

FAUSTO Bertinotti, the Communist Refoundation leader, vows to abolish Nato, tax government bonds and halt privatisation, but denies that by doing so he is sabotaging postwar Italy's best prospect for a left-wing general election victory.

His moderate ally, Achille Occhetto, the leader of the Democratic Party of the Left (PDS), the former Communists, has toured the City of London and Nato headquarters in Brussels to reassure international financiers and Western generals that he will pose no threat to foreign investors or the Atlantic alliance if he forms an administration from his Progressive Alliance. The grouping includes Greens, the anti-Mafia Rete and the moderate Democratic Alliance as well as Signor Bertinotti's Rifondazione Comunista. However, Signor Bertinotti dismisses suggestions that his anti-Nato stance is alienating potential voters for his official ally and erstwhile rival, and alarming international opinion. "I think it strange that in Italy it is considered scandalous for a coalition to have differences," Signor Bertinotti, 54, said.

A former Socialist trade unionist elected leader in January, Signor Bertinotti is a sophisticated apologist for his party, which split from the old Italian Communist Party (PCI) in 1991 when it changed its name to the PDS and ditched Marxism. Appearing almost nightly on television chatshows, he says Nato is "redundant" and the world needs a United Nations army.

Silvio Berlusconi, the right-wing Forza Italia leader, cites the Rifondazione creed and its hammer and sickle symbol within the Progressive Alliance as justifying his anti-communist crusade at the head of a "Liberty Alliance" also comprising neo-Fascists and the Northern League.

Mussolini salute 'invented for film'

BY JOHN PHILLIPS



MUSSOLINI'S distinctive raised-arm, flat-handed "Roman salute", right, was not a greeting used by ancient Romans but a film gimmick invented by the poet Gabriele D'Annunzio, a leading Italian historian has concluded.

Until recently, Italians believed that Il Duce adopted the salute after seeing *Cabiria*, a Ben Hur-style film epic, in 1914. He adopted it as the obligatory ritual of Fascism, calling it the "Roman salute". It was adopted by Hitler.

However, a book entitled *Pirates of Time: When Cinema Invents History*, by Sergio Bertelli of Florence University, argues that the salute had nothing to do with Rome and was invented by D'Annunzio, who wrote the screenplay for the film, to lend it solemnity.

Pay flak pierces Balladur image

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

THE narrow shoulders of Edouard Balladur looked more frail than usual yesterday and it was not just the effect of the flak jacket on a trip to French troops in Bosnia. The Prime Minister is under harsh fire at home.

At issue is his attempt to drop the minimum wage for young workers, an action that has sparked big demonstrations. A poll on Friday showed that 70 per cent of the French believe that a "serious social crisis" is imminent. On Saturday, some 200,000 young people and unionists marched against the minimum wage plan, following a demonstration which turned into riot in Paris on Thursday.

M Balladur's task this week is to counter the groundswell of protest without another U-turn. Fewer than 50 per cent of voters now support him and a poll yesterday showed that for the first time since his landslide last March, M Balladur's negative ratings exceed his positive ones.

He insists that recovery from recession will heal the nervous breakdown. But his team must calm the despair that is feeding bitterness among the young.

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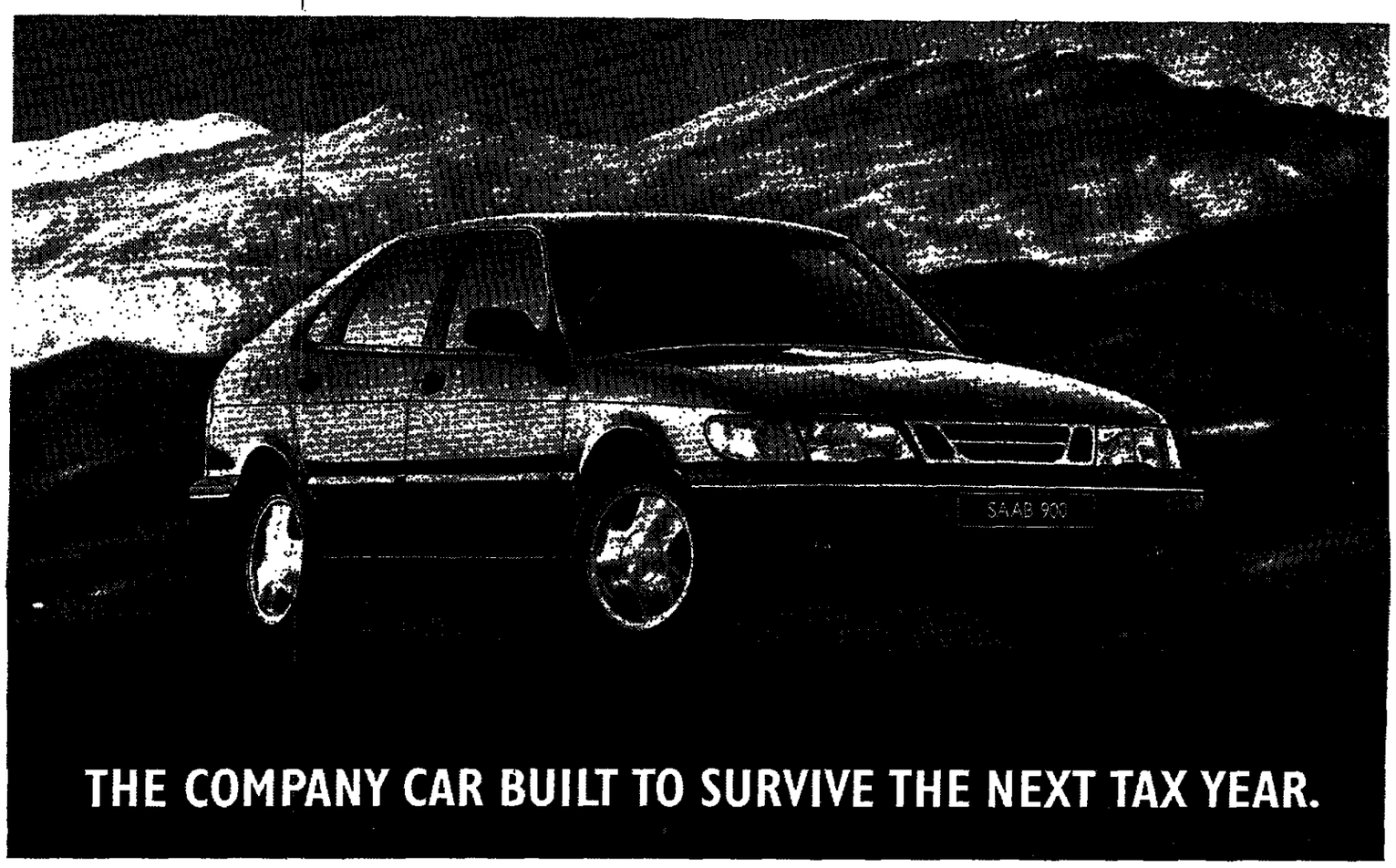
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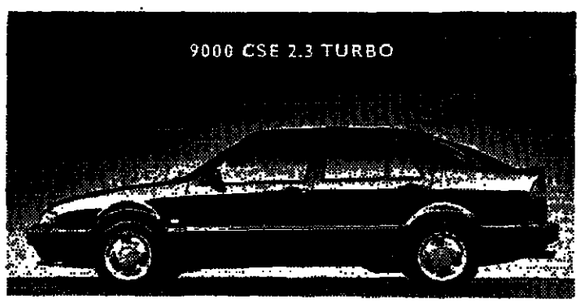
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Viljoen decision to contest poll divides Afrikaners on volkstaat strategy

Homeland foray leaves the white right in disarray

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN VENTERSDORP AND MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

THE humiliation of white extremists in South Africa, and the determination of the moderate right to take part in next month's election has divided and demoralised Afrikaner conservatives, perhaps beyond repair.

The fate of the ragtag neo-Nazi force, which strutted into the former black homeland of Bophuthatswana last week and then slunk away, leaving three of its dead behind, is said to have opened the eyes of many of the Afrikaner romantics, who long for their own *volkstaat*, or homeland, to the reality of modern politics. It may well have devastated support for the far-right's attempt to boycott the election.

General Constand Viljoen, a former chief of the South African Defence Force, announced his resignation at the weekend from the leadership of the Afrikaner Volksfront. He will lead the Freedom Front, the party that he registered a week earlier, into the election, and has been criticised as "a political Judas-goat" by the wild men of the right for providing a legitimate electoral outlet for right-wing aspirations.

In an effort to recover some of the far-right's tarnished pride, Willem Ratte, a self-styled "commandant", led a force of the "Pretoria Boer Commando" to occupy Wonderboom fort, a Boer War redoubt north of the capital. Mr Ratte, who is still wanted by police for leading a similar, earlier occupation, insisted that the force would resist any attempt to remove them.

Stunned members of the neo-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB) meanwhile contemplated avenging their three comrades who were shot dead by Bophuthatswana police on Friday. "They murdered *our comrades in cold* blood," said one, slinging his R4 rifle over his shoulder. "We are heartbroken. Something will have to be done." He was speaking at AWB headquarters in Ventersdorp, a small farming town in the heart of the Orange Free State. A man who declined to divulge his name but claimed to be an AWB "general" said AWB paramilitaries had gone to Bophuthatswana at the request of Lucas Mangope, the ousted President, to protect local people and restore order.

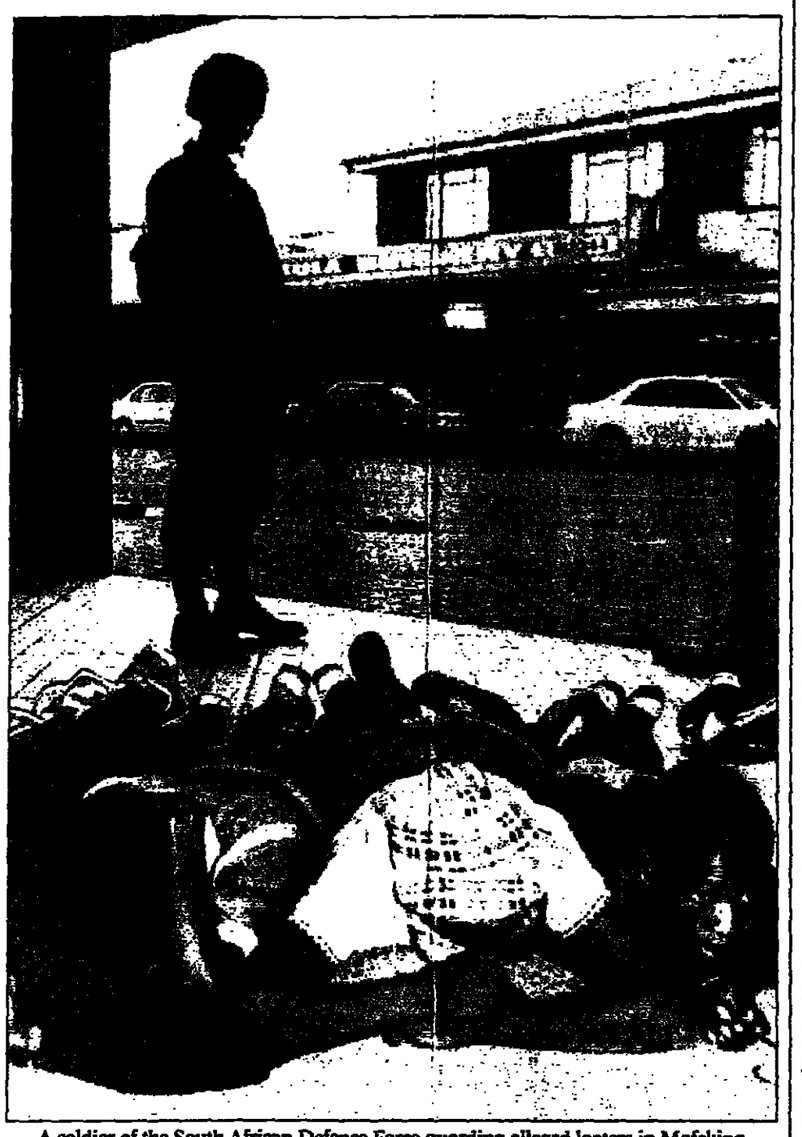
He denied that the AWB had killed local civilians indiscriminately. "We are not murderers. We are not racists either. How can we be if we *went to help blacks in* Bophuthatswana?"

In coming weeks, he said, the world would see the true might of the Afrikaner right. He claimed that there were between 60,000 and 70,000 trained paramilitaries, ready to fight for a *volkstaat*. Denouncing General Viljoen's *decision to register for next* month's election, he said the AWB would do everything in its power to resist South Africa's first multiracial election, *because it signalled the* onset of a 'devilish' communist regime. Events in Bophuthatswana had been just the first stage in a National Party-ANC takeover of South Africa, he said.

However, although both Eugene Terre'Blanche, the AWB leader, and Ferdi Hartzenberg, leader of the hardline parliamentary Conservative Party, are implacably opposed to the election, General Viljoen has his supporters. The general believes that only by participating in the election can those who believe in a *volkstaat* demonstrate *their strength and numbers*, and seven Conservative MPs have flouted party discipline by putting their names to a document supporting him. Two of them, Pieter Mulder and Pieter Groenewald, flanked General Viljoen as he made his announcement yesterday. Other Conservative MPs, including a number of *quite senior figures*, are being mentioned as possible candidates: Willie Snyman, the deputy leader, Tom Langley, Piet Gous and Dries Bruwer.

Dr Hartzenberg acknowledged the "definite possibility that General Viljoen could take many supporters with him." General Tienie Groenewald, a former head of military intelligence, and other generals in the Volksfront are also expected to follow their leader. General Groenewald has indicated that he could not work with the AWB.

Pretoria takes over, page 1



A soldier of the South African Defence Force guarding alleged looters in Mafeking





Lucas Mangope, ousted by the unrest, and General Constand Viljoen, who aims to fight the election

Kach zealots to challenge ban in Israeli court

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

MILITANT Jews who openly applauded last month's Hebron mosque massacre yesterday declared they would mount a legal challenge to a sweeping new government ban on the two main extremist groups, Kach and Kahane *Chai* (Kahane Lives).

The groups, followers of Meir Kahane, the murdered New York-born rabbi, were outlawed by a unanimous vote of the Israeli cabinet. The ban, the first of its kind against a Jewish organisation, will affect about 400 extremists many of whom are already on the run.

Kach said it would suspend operations pending a planned appeal to the Israeli Supreme Court. Michael Ben-Yair, the Attorney-General, said the decision put the two groups on a par with Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, and other extreme Palestinian groups. Israeli lawyers said leaders of the two groups could be jailed for up to 20 years. Six have been identified by name and the security forces will have the power to raid the organisations' offices.

Hanan Ashrawi, a leading Palestinian, welcomed the move but repeated that Israel must still disarm settlers and remove them from population Arab areas such as Hebron. "This is a positive development towards redressing a basic injustice in the Israeli judicial system," she said.

Since the Hebron massacre, four Israelis have been detained without trial and the movements of 18 others have been limited but the reaction was widely criticised as being too weak. The new banning order, categorised by one Kach activist as "totalitarian" and "bolshevist", was part of an attempt by the government of Yitzhak Rabin to woo the Palestine Liberation Organisation back to peace talks and to ward of criticism when the Prime Minister flies to Washington this week to meet President Clinton.

In a defiant gesture, Barukh Marzel, the Kach leader, telephoned Israel Radio by mobile phone from his hiding place, believed to be in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, to say that his group would continue to operate from jail or underground. He said he would not give himself up.

David Axelrod, spokesman for Kahane Lives, said of the decision: "We have an infrastructure to continue operating, not only from the underground, even from the prisons." Avishai Raviv, a leading Kach militant, told Israel's Army Radio: "This will simply push more people against the wall and cause more people to take the law into their own hands."



Under the new order the two groups are defined as "terrorist organisations" and anyone spreading their violent and openly racist ideology, even under another name, will be liable to prosecution. It will be illegal to support them financially and the police are empowered to shut down their premises and confiscate property.

Amnon Rubenstein, the Education Minister, said that now the ban had been imposed, it was up to the Israeli security forces in the occupied territories to impose it.



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IN BRIEF

Britons are caught in Nile attack

Cairo: Suspected Muslim militants fired at a tourist boat on the river Nile yesterday at the end of the holy fasting month of Ramadan.

None of the 14 British tourists or Egyptian crew on board was wounded in the attack near the fundamentalist stronghold of Assiut, 200 miles south of Cairo. The cruise continued.

Police in Assiut prevented a mass gathering called by the militant Gama'a al-Islamiya group, which has claimed responsibility for eight previous attacks on Nile cruisers. *(Reuter)*

Turks injured

***Adana:* Two bombs exploded in southern Turkey yesterday, one here and one in the port of Mersin, injuring a total of 17 people. Nobody admitted responsibility. Left-wing guerrillas and Kurdish separatists are active in the area.** *(AP)*

Afghan truce

Kabul: An unofficial 15-day ceasefire in Afghanistan has begun at the end of Ramadan, after an agreement between President Rabbani and his rival, Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, the Prime Minister. The city has been under siege by rival factions since January 1. *(AFP)*

Drugs 'victory'

Bogotá: Colombian authorities hailed the surrender of Julio Urdinola, 27, leader of the Cali cocaine cartel, as a victory for the government's much-criticised policy of negotiating lenient sentences for drug traffickers who turn themselves in.

Monarch's rain

Bangkok: King Bhumibol Adulyadej called for chemical seeding of clouds to help to promote rain in one of the worst droughts to have affected Thailand. The seeding is expected over areas feeding the Chao Phraya river, a central water artery. *(AFP)*

Cult clashes

Lagos: Heavily armed Nigerian police moved into Lagos University after the authorities ordered 15,000 students out and the institution closed to stop violent clashes between members of secret cults and students opposed to them. *(AP)*

World Bank austerity pays off with African economic growth

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

AFTER years of falling living standards and declining wealth, Africa has at last registered a slight improvement in its economic outlook. A report which was published yesterday by the World Bank on the effects of its tough *Structural Adjustment Programmes* shows that several of the 29 sub-Saharan countries have seen reforms pay off with overall growth.

Six countries which have gone furthest in cutting public spending, removing subsidies and pushing through economic liberalisation have seen the greatest improvement in growth rates. Burkino Faso, Gambia, Ghana, Nigeria, Tanzania and Zimbabwe registered an increase of almost 2 per cent in their gross domestic product.

On average, the continent recorded a growth rate of 1.1 per cent, compared with negative rates in recent years. But the bank said that unless policies improve, it will take 40 years before black Africa returns to the per capita income it enjoyed 20 years ago. Ghana did best, with a real growth rate of 5 per cent a year. Although nine countries also saw small improvements, a further 11 saw a continuing fall in living standards.

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Armed guard allows thousands to mourn their war dead in Sarajevo cemetery

UN force defies Serbs to enter Maglaj

FROM EDWARD GORMAN IN VITEZ

FOR the first time since June last year United Nations observers, protected by Nato warplanes, yesterday entered the besieged Muslim pocket of Maglaj in northern Bosnia.

The peacekeepers moved in as the UN disclosed that an air attack was ordered by Nato jets on Serb positions around Bihac in western Bosnia on Saturday, but it was called off at the last minute.

It is believed that two units of UN military observers got through Serb lines and into Maglaj, an isolated and starving mountain settlement, though it was uncertain last night whether they reached the town itself. One report said the arrival of the observers, who are unarmed and travelling in soft-skinned vehicles, coincided with a Serb bombardment in which up to 500 shells were fired during an attack lasting two and a half hours.

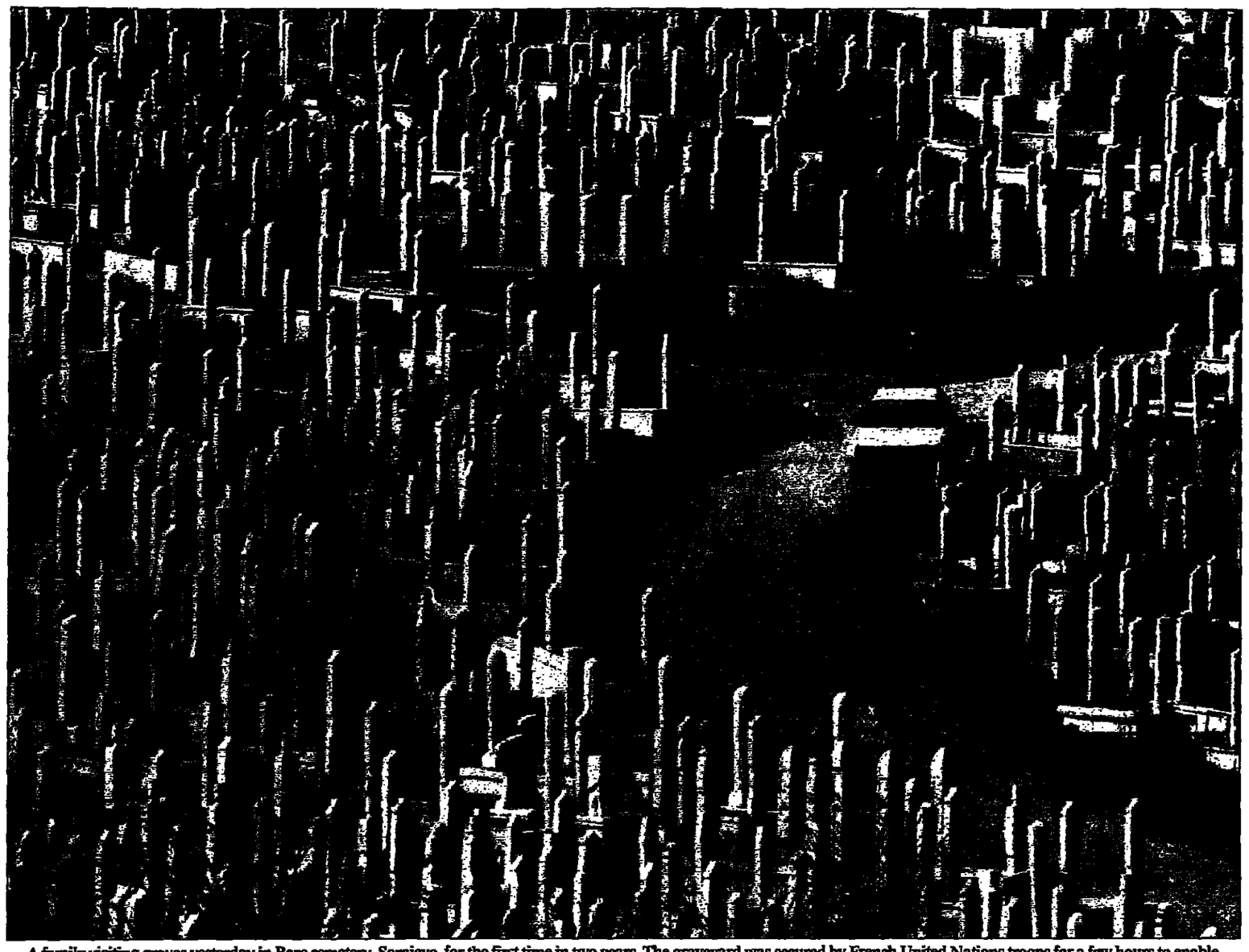
An estimated 20,000 people are living in difficult conditions in Maglaj and attempts by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees to get convoys through to the area have been unsuccessful. Another effort is expected to be made on Wednesday.

The latest threatened use of Nato air power in Bosnia came late on Saturday night after the most recent of a series of Bosnian Serb attacks on a French UN battalion stationed in the Bihac enclave. A UN Protection Force (Unprofor) spokesman in Sarajevo said a request for close air support was made by General Jean Cot, the French commander based in Zagreb, to Yasushi Akashi, the UN special envoy. The spokesman said it followed an incident when French troops came under attack by a tank and by a 30mm self-propelled anti-aircraft gun. Two Nato planes were scrambled from Aviano, northern Italy, just before midnight on Saturday, but offensive action was called off after the "apparent withdrawal" of the Serb attacking force into a forest.

Nato has already demonstrated its preparedness to take offensive action in Bosnia, when its planes shot down four Serb fighters in an incident two weeks ago. The Unprofor spokesman said yesterday that Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose, commander of the UN forces in Bosnia, has laid down three criteria which must be met before offensive action.

In each case, it can be carried out only against a unit deemed responsible for the initial aggression, the Nato response must be proportionate to the original force, and reports from the ground must be verified from the air or vice versa, before an attack can be launched.

☐ **Athens:** A political controversy flared in Greece over a proposal by the Socialist government to send a contingent of troops to Bosnia if the UN accepts a Turkish offer of 1,000 peacekeepers.



A family visiting graves yesterday in Bare cemetery, Sarajevo, for the first time in two years. The graveyard was secured by French United Nations troops for a few hours to enable relatives to visit on the first day of the Bairam festival, marking the end of Ramadan. Thousands of Sarajevans of all religions prayed for their dead under armed guard

Pace of peace leaves Mostar bewildered

FROM TIM JUDAH IN MOSTAR

■ Enemies facing each other on the Bosnian-Croat frontline are being asked to accept a federal future in return for an end to the fighting. Many fears and doubts must be conquered before trust can be restored

ON THE frontline between Bosnian and Croatian troops in Mostar lies the skeleton of an old man. A Muslim, he was expelled from west Mostar by the Croats before Christmas and then shot in the back before he could make it to the other side. Lying in an exposed position, his remains have been gnawed by dogs, but because of snipers they cannot be retrieved for burial.

"How can we live there again?" said Alija, a Muslim soldier, from a position from which he has been forced to stare at the bones while pop music blares from the Croat frontline. But the pace of change has been so fast over the past two weeks that Alija is being asked to do much more than just live next to his former neighbours and enemies.

The giddying speed of the American-led diplomatic momentum has left Bosnians and Croats in a state of shock. Not only are plans for a federation moving forward at top speed but on Saturday the Bosnians and Croats even agreed to merge their armies.

In Mostar itself, commissions are already working on re-establishing electricity and water links to the Muslim-held east and rebuilding bridges across the river that divides much of the town. At a joint checkpoint, Croat and Muslim police officers laze in the sun and chat together while United Nations troops wave through UN traffic. Aid is flowing freely into east Mostar for the first time.

Two weeks ago, the main streets of east Mostar were empty as the population cowered in cellars or took tortuous back routes to move about. Now they are thronged with people relaxing in the sunshine or queueing at the soup kitchens or the water lorries. Gangs of workmen are cleaning the town. Ten months of rubble is being moved, cables are being mended, and on Saturday rugs from a badly damaged mosque were being cleaned in preparation for the end of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan.

By the remains of Old Bridge, the famous Turkish-built symbol of Mostar destroyed by the Croats last year, remains have been gathered so that it can be rebuilt with as much original stone as possible. All these scenes would have been unimaginable before the ceasefire, and they have left people confused. Many want the city to go back to the way it was before. But, as in the case of the Old Bridge, it will not be the same and many do not want the old "brotherhood and unity" either.

In a park overflowing with graves, a man tends that of his soldier son. His family was expelled from the west and now the politicians are talking about everyone going home. He says: "I will never go back in case I kill someone out of revenge." Half a mile away in west Mostar, the shops are full, the cafés are bustling, and sports cars cruise the streets. "I don't know why they hate us," says Goran, a young man outside a slot-machine arcade. "Anyway, I'm not guilty of anything. Our government decides everything."

In the east, a woman shows off a pile of letters sent to her via the Red Cross from a friend she says is looking after the flat she was expelled from in the west. She says she will go home as soon as she can. Her daughter scoffs. "I don't believe any of them any more. I will go home, get my stuff and leave Bosnia." The rush to ram through a peace deal is leaving many questions unanswered. The Croats want all of Mostar to be a Muslim-controlled district within a Croat province in the proposed federation with the east. The response of Smail Klaric, head of east Mostar's war presidency, is: "No way, never, no chance." Mr Klaric says that the city must be united under Bosnian control or as a free city outside the boundaries of any ethnically dominated province.

Safet Orucevic, a military commander and local politician, says he is optimistic that a deal can be struck, but adds that if the Croats do not like the Bosnian proposals, "then they must fight us again".

Unlike other parts of Bosnia, though, Mostar may have more time to sort out its future. In the next few days, a European Union delegation will arrive to open preliminary discussions on a two-year period of interim EU administration for the city. That might give the politicians the breathing space that is needed.

Gorazde combatants edge towards private amnesty



FROM GEORGE EYKYN IN GORAZDE

■ The first reporter to enter the besieged Bosnian enclave of Gorazde in a year finds the two sides looking for a way to bring at least a temporary halt to the slaughter

IN THE devastated no man's land at Ustipraca, just outside Gorazde, the two sides sit on low benches facing each other, unarmed. The building has no walls; both front lines can see them.

The Serbs are led by Dragan Bulajic, a softly spoken engineer whose personal friends from before the war include Ferid Buljubasic, now the Muslim military commander of Gorazde. Captain Bulajic, now an officer in the Bosnian Serb army and head of a committee for prisoner exchanges, reports directly to the Serbian leadership.

On the bench opposite sits Hiemso, Gorazde's deputy commander, dressed in combat fatigues. A handful of United Nations aid workers, interpreters and military observers watch from a respectful distance. Haris Silajdic, the Bosnian Prime Minister, was invited but rejected the Serbs' offer of safe conduct.

The initiative began last summer but has been kept quiet until now. Mr Bulajic opened radio contact with Gorazde's leaders and last month went into the enclave himself, at considerable risk. He called conditions there "seventeenth century". Under the proposed agreement, the Serbs would release about 40 Muslim prisoners. In return, 22 Serb prisoners of war would be let out of Gorazde. Both sides would repair electricity and water facilities for the enclave.

The Serbs say there are 400 of their civilians stuck inside the town, desperate to get out. The deal would establish the principle of freedom of movement for civilians, for humanitarian and trade convoys and medical evacuations. Gorazde's Muslims are being asked to accept that they will be cut off from any Muslim state, their existence dependent on Serb good will. In return, they would be allowed to continue running the enclave. However, it would be surrounded by the self-declared Republika Srpska, which intends merging with Serbia proper.

Gorazde would remain an island in eastern Bosnia, where the striking sight now is not just of entire valleys of Muslim (and Serb) houses wrecked in last spring's offensives but also of a determined drive by the Serbs to rebuild and occupy.

At the Muslim front line a stern-looking Bosnian policeman in crisp black uniform noted my particulars, then lifted the barrier. "Welcome to Gorazde," he added in English, flashing a big grin. About 65,000 people are trapped here, in a siege that has lasted almost as long as Sarajevo's. They rely almost completely on aid and have been living on a fifth of what the UN says are their basic needs.

None of the ordinary people I met knew about the negotiations that were taking place, and the Muslim authorities stoped people I asked from commenting on them. In the end, Serb leaders would prefer Gorazde and Srebrenica to be swapped for some of the Serb-controlled land around Sarajevo. For the moment, however, they realise that, to an international community full of expectation over Bosnia, the Gorazde negotiations look like something positive.

George Eykyn reports for BBC Breakfast News

NEWS IN BRIEF

Algerian militants say 1,684 fled jail

Bonn: Muslim gunmen freed 1,684 fellow militants in a mass Algerian jailbreak last week, not 900 as reported by the APS official Algiers news agency, a European official of the fundamentalist Islamic Salvation Front said.

When asked where the new number came from, the official, who declined to be named, said: "We have people everywhere in Algeria, even in the intelligence services. Of those who broke out, 350 had been condemned to death and 400 sentenced to life in prison."

The official said the mass escape from a fortress jail near Batna, 220 miles east of Algiers, did not include any key figures of the front, which was banned in 1992. *(Reuter)*

Somalia attack

Mogadishu: Somalis fired two missiles towards more than a dozen American, German and Italian ships anchored off the coast near the capital, preparing to take out foreign troops, but they exploded short of any craft, the United Nations said. *(Reuter)*

Liberia hope

Monrovia: Fighters loyal to Charles Taylor, the Liberian guerrilla leader, surrendered their guns to African peacekeepers at Wealla, 50 miles north of here, in a hopeful step towards ending four years' civil war, but rival rebels battled to the northwest around Todee. *(AP)*

Keating pledge

Canberra: Carmen Lawrence, 46, the former Labor Premier of Western Australia, won a stunning federal by-election in Fremantle and was assured of a senior Cabinet post by Paul Keating, the Prime Minister. *(AFP)*

Theatre of war

Hanoi: James Webb, a Vietnam veteran and former Bush Administration official, is to direct *Fields of Fire*, the first US war film to be shot in Vietnam. He begins filming in Danang next month, the *Vietnam Investment Review* said. *(AFP)*

Careless cost

Gainesville: A Texas-based carpet-cleaning company was ordered to pay $1 million (£666,000) to the parents of two college students strangled by Alan Davis, whose record of drug offences and violence it failed to check before employing him. *(AP)*

Salvador battle

San Salvador: Up to 33 people were injured when supporters of El Salvador's ruling Arena party fought street vendors and youths supporting left-wing former guerrillas who are its main rivals in the election next Sunday. *(Reuter)*

Sons chained

***Bangkok: A Thai mother* kept her two sons, now aged 52 and 39, chained up by their legs for 20 years for being bullies. They are to receive hospital treatment for psychiatric illness.** *(Reuter)*

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Margot Norman expects women priests to bring tradition and intellectual energy

JAMES MORGAN



The Rev Jane Hayward, left, yesterday after her first service since being ordained on Saturday. She is curate of St Mary Redcliffe, in Bristol, a church admired by Elizabeth I

A day for the trailblazers

At first sight, the retreat of woolly liberalism in the Church of England would seem the least likely outcome of the ordination of women. Surely it is those at both ends of the Church's broad spectrum who are in retreat, the Anglo-Catholics and the conservative evangelicals? Opposition to women priests is not all that unites those much-publicised individuals who are decamping, either to Rome or to form home churches in alliance with non-Anglican evangelicals: they appear to share a feeling that they are leaving their beloved Church to the mercies of liberals whose most strongly held belief is in the power of fashion.

On the contrary, says the woman most often tipped to become the first female Anglican bishop. June Osborne believes it is the liberals who will feel least at home in the reshaped Anglican Church. What she and others like her are working for, with genuine optimism at last, is a synthesis of the Protestant and Catholic traditions that have, as she puts it, squabbled like siblings virtually ever since the Elizabethan Settlement.

"What people sometimes caricature as the Church of England's muddle-headed comprehensiveness is in fact very much more creative than that; it is an essential matter of holding the tensions between those two traditions. Intellectually, the division between those two is far smaller than the division between them and liberalism. It is much more difficult to envisage a place for the liberal view that always responds to everything in a fashionable way."

Mrs Osborne is a woman of exceptional energy and intellectual vigour who will have a distinguished 20-year career in the Church behind her when she is ordained next month. She has chaired the General Synod, nursed a parish in London's East End, inspected theological colleges and locked horns with the Archbishop of York on the terms and conditions of female ordinands. She has children and is married to a barrister.

Over the telephone on Saturday night she gave me an illuminating disquisition on St Paul's teachings, both in Greek and via subsequent translations, on the role of women in the Church. It elegantly embodied the synthesis she spoke of, and I couldn't help wishing that she, rather than the Bishop of Bristol, had given the sermon at that historic ordination ceremony.

Edward Norman, formerly Dean of Peterhouse, says the Church of England is no longer a learned ministry. He welcomes the women but believes they can do little to reverse the Church's intellectual decline. Churchwomen such as June Osborne, Susan Cole-King, Dr Christina Baxter, the lay dean of St John's theological college in Nottingham, even Roman Catholics like Dr Elizabeth Stuart, an avowed feminist theologian who teaches at the Anglican college of St Mark and St John in Plymouth, would disagree. (The only significant group of demonstrators outside Bristol Cathedral on Saturday was Dr Stuart's band of Roman Catholics campaigning for women's ordination in their own church.) So would the former headmistresses, medical women and lecturers in theology who gathered in Bristol either as ordinands, ordinands-in-waiting or simply supporters.

The 32 women ordained on Saturday ranged in age from 29 to 69, and in character from those who were prepared to wait quietly for a quarter century and work for no stipend to those who have palpably been holding themselves in check, not asserting their authority until the Church sanctioned it. Even though most of them will continue doing broadly the work they have done for years, the Archbishop of Canterbury is right to foresee a great burst of energy being unleashed.

He and his colleagues have, however, somewhat overemphasised the pastoral, social-working role they envisage for the women. They are in for a surprise if they think the new priests will exercise only these traditional feminine skills. Women such as Marjorie Stanton-Hyde, a no-nonsense figure of authority in her previous life as a rural headmistress in Worcestershire, will be just as forthright as rural priests now that the undignified constraints on their celebrating the Eucharist have gone. (Rather than bring in a male colleague to "do the hocus-pocus", she used to operate a sort of takeaway system, having the bread and wine blessed in a nearby church and then bringing it back to her own.)

Miss Beale and Miss Buss would have recognised elements of the atmosphere in Bristol. There was a trailblazing air about the proceedings, with proud mothers like Mrs Hayward of Oundle trumpeting the qualities of her daughter Jane, curate at St Mary Redcliffe, the church that Queen Elizabeth I thought the fairest in the land. There were men like Father Jack House, an Anglo-Catholic who admits to having had many nights of doubt before accepting the ordination of women as God's will and finally regarding the ceremony as a triumphant new beginning.

There were evangelical men who had been won round, and country parsons whose weakly held theological objections had evaporated once they realised that what they minded was not the arrival of women, but the departure of an image of priesthood from the 1950s.

Outside the cathedral there were passers-by who, seeing my reporter's notebook, crossed the road to tell me they had been against women priests until one such had come their way and helped them through some family crisis. Several mentioned Charmian Mann, the inspiring chaplain at St Michael's hospital for sick children. There were also those, probably the majority, who wondered why it had taken so long. The noteworthy thing was that even agnostics minded enough to say so.

Moscow goes Wilde

Forget the kitchen sink: Russians want the froth and wit of English writing

LADY Bracknell drew herself up to her full height ready to berate the unfortunate Jack, caught in the act of proposing to Gwendolen on one knee. The cognoscenti in the audience girded itself for the glorious. "Rise, Sir, from this semi-recumbent posture, it is most indecorous". But the Russian translation proved unequal to the challenge of Oscar Wilde's dazzling circumlocution, leaving Lady B lamely urging something more like, "Get up from the floor, you look silly down there." This was the theatrical equivalent of slamming the oven door on a soufflé.

Despite such occasional inadequacies however, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, or *Kak Vazhna buit Serioznim*, is the unexpected success of the Moscow theatre season. Performances by the small Fomenko company have been sold out for four weeks and this at a time when the larger state theatres are in a slump.

Fomenko could not afford to stage the play in a proper theatre and asked Slava Zaitsev, Russia's best-known fashion designer and a fan of Wilde, if they could use his catwalk as a stage. The mainly young and fashionable audience was in raptures. "It is so refreshing to see superficiality portrayed so elegantly in our world which is either deadly serious or plain ugly and banal," enthused one spectator.



ANNE McELVOY

Afterwards, over specially prepared cucumber sandwiches in the bar, students were competing to see who could stretch out the word *Sumka* (a handbag) the longest. Svetlana, a dance teacher, raved about the costumes which, with Algernon appearing in increasingly unlikely plus fours and the checks on Jack's waistcoast threatening to envelope him, would have had purists complaining that it all owed more to Wodehouse than to Wilde.

The Russian understanding of Victorian Britain is a mixed-up affair: whoever imagined the dour butler Lane tossing hippy-length hair with high camp as he delivered his "Da, Sirs"? Or a Lady Bracknell in her mid-20s wearing lilac and pink and behaving as coquettishly as her daughter?

"I don't think the director quite got the hang of some sociological specifics," whispered Aleksei Yakushkin, a St Petersburg critic. "In Russian comedy, women tend to be marriageable young girls around whom the plot turns, or grandmothers dispensing folk wisdom. Woman as High Society dragon is harder for us to grasp. Especially now that we haven't had High Society for over 70 years."

The love affair with English drama and literature remains intense. Victorian writing and the satire of the Twenties and Thirties remains the prevailing enthusiasm and the past exercises a remarkable hold over Russian perception of Britain. Trollope, Dickens and Galsworthy are among the most borrowed books from Moscow libraries with G.K. Chesterton, P.G. Wodehouse and Somerset Maugham close behind.

Russians are often unwilling to believe that we now have preoccupations other than taking tea and toast at four o'clock sharp. I have lost count of the number of times elderly members of the intelligentsia have enquired about the problem of fog on London Bridge or drowned my nice cup of Russian green tea in milk "because I have read in Agatha Christie that that is the way Miss Marple drinks it".

Intent on challenging such bourgeois inclinations, the Communists tried to push the utopian literature of H.G. Wells, whom they held in high regard for being uncommonly craven to Lenin. On the American side, Upton Sinclair and William Faulkner dominated the curriculum. But the popular fascination with the portrayal of minute worlds and nonsense writing prevailed. Winnie the Pooh is still a top seller for children and at the elite language school in Akademgorodsk, near Novosibirsk, the ten-year-olds chant "The Walrus and the Carpenter" faultlessly.

ON THE Moscow stage this season you can see Goldsmith, Priestley and Wilde's *Salome*. These days there is hardly a trace of Osborne or Wesker, once officially prized for showing the grimness of British life. "Audiences are looking for an escape from anything reminiscent of socialist realism," says Maria Filatova of *Theatr* magazine. "The frothier and wittier the better."

Shakespeare, at least, stands constant in the whirl of theatre fashion. Turkmenistan's leader, Saparmurat Niyazov, wants every child to read one of his plays before leaving school. The late Georgian dictator, Zviad Gamsakhurdia, spent his free time translating the tragedies. Left wandering in the wilderness last year after he lost his kingdom to Eduard Shevardnadze's forces, he was said to have spent the last weeks before his suicide in exile declaiming chunks of *King Lear* and *Hamlet* to anyone who would listen.

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Unfurrow that brow

Rejoice in the ever-bubbling spring of sweet, silly stories

It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce this morning the opening of the 1994 *Silly Season*. We are well ahead of schedule: the first cuckoo has barely cleared its its throat, Parliament is still in session, the Norfolk daffodil harvest still tops the local news headlines every evening (they say the DSS has sabotaged it by getting too tough on moonlighting pickers). Yet, even in March, and despite the continuous tolling of the bad news bell from Bophuthatswana to Heathrow, on its wilder fringes the season is already showing most satisfactory signs of alleviating, distracting silliness.

A sixty-year-old photograph of the Loch Ness monster has been exposed as a fake, the monster having been made out of a toy submarine and plastic wood. Its creator made a deathbed confession, at 90. In north London a large ginger tom called Bilbo has been mistaken for a lioness by no less than nine separate witnesses, causing the deployment of 20 police officers with loudhailers, a helicopter and a man with a tranquilliser gun from London zoo. Meanwhile, an actor who plays a hospital administrator in the TV series *Casualty* has been attacked with some violence by a middle-aged "red-faced" woman who resents his sacking of an equally fictional doctor.

A prize bull in Ontario has fallen off a cow and hurt his leg and now has its own nightnurse. And the actor who played Mark Hebden in *The Archers* has announced "My character was very boring and deserved to die", causing furious letters from those who sent real wreaths to his imaginary widow and her imaginary IVF baby. An usherette in the Adelphi Theatre has been plucked from her icecream round by the producers of *Sunset Boulevard*, and put onstage; and rocketing up both pop and classical charts, with half a million sold, is a CD of some enclosed monks singing Gregorian plainsong. What's so silly about that? Well, nothing: except that they have been complaining, in a gentle monkish way, about paparazzi climbing the monastery trees to get photographs of them.

We should cherish these incongruities, and give thanks and praise for their early flowering. It is a rare treat to hear stories which load us with no guilt, and imply no duty to act, vote, or campaign. What could be pleasanter than an odd fact about which you can do nothing, which poses no direct threat, does not prove that the world is going to the dogs, and can be taken as a mere Canterbury Tale?

Showbusiness provides many. The heart lifted, yesterday morning, on hearing about Lynne Perrie, the long-serving actress who plays a thin-lipped old bat called Ivy Brennan in *Coronation Street*, and who has shocked her fans and her employers by having lip surgery and developing a luscious pout. She has been sacked, and responds by threatening to "assassinate" the characters of her six leading co-stars. "What I could say is sensational. But I'd have to do a Salman Rushdie afterwards."



LIBBY PURVES.

Pity for Ms Perrie is eclipsed by merriment at the idea of Granada TV issuing a *fatwa* over some revelation of actorish seediness. Do you suppose they would send a message to all faithful *Street* fans, promising them the status of holy martyrs if they top the blasphemer?

Of course, with a bit of plodding, all the above examples could be converted into brow-furrowing stuff: calls for action and causes for anxiety. Suppose an elderly person had fainted into the canal on seeing Bilbo the cat? Ought there not to be a law that large ginger toms should carry prominent placards (in several languages) saying NOT A LION? Or suppose someone fell into Loch Ness while craning out of a dinghy to see the monster: surely the descendants of the photo-fakers should to be brought to court for fraudulent enticement, and their estate pay compensation?

And is it not deeply worrying that so much fuss is made about soap operas in Britain today? Is this an illness? Is there any connection between the reckless eating of beefburgers and the increasing tendency of middle-aged red-faced women to accost soap villains and punch them on the nose? As for the *Canto Gregoriano* hit CD, should we not be shaking our heads and fearing that any minute now the good brothers will start wearing dark glasses, snorting coke and stepping out with supermodels?

No, we shouldn't. And that's the pleasure of it. I offer you, as a spring gift this morning, a newspaper column which draws no conclusions at all, about anything.



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CHANEL: brilliant modern melange, evocative of the spirit of the great Coco Chanel herself

COMME DES GARCONS (left): wraps. **GAULTIER:** warm



YAMAMOTO: back to his roots with kimomo-style coats

VALENTINO: dark glamour combined with a light mood

A (fashion) week in Paris is a very long time. This season it felt even longer because shows ran hideously late. It could've been one big yawn, except it wasn't. The Paris schedule crams in designers of every sensibility — a mix of radical and conservative, intellectual and idiotic. There are clothes for all tastes, and some without any at all.

For this reason, Paris is never dull. Some designers may disappoint, some may teeter on the edge of the style abyss, but for every failure there is (hopefully) a moment of exhilarating vision.

This season was a delight, for there were many such moments. The great designers offered show after show filled with *absolutely* fabulous clothes. As the week went on, the better it got, ending with a Chanel show which provided the ultimate happy ending.



Fashion

IAIN R. WEBB

Karl Lagerfeld, who designs for Chanel (among others), *is* a fashion genius. Just when you think he's lost the plot, he rewrites the script and shouts "action". The Chanel show was certainly full of it. First came fluffy fake-fur remakes of the original Chanel suit (in black and white, and pretty pastels), then black nylon fatigue trousers, parkas, and even a Chanel boiler suit. Easy tie-front pastel suits, colourful knitted cardigan suits, metallics covered with a film of black georgette, and, better still, monochromatic tweed mini shifts with matching jackets, and thigh-length boots. A modern melange which nevertheless evoked the spirit of the great lady, Coco Chanel, herself.

A lady destined to join Chanel in the "Fashion Hall of Fame" is Vivienne Westwood. Despite press reports to the contrary, which accused her of degrading women, this collection was her most ladylike yet. What Westwood does today, the world does tomorrow. Her designs appear outrageous because we are not ready for them, but the lady has true vision. With Westwood you learn to look beyond the lunacy. What she really revealed on her catwalk (bare breasts excepted) is a move toward elegance: impeccably tailored tartan suits, luxurious camel coats, neat double-breasted coats which hugged the body, velvet dresses with fake-fur trims, and glittering knits which pre-empt the return of serious glamour.

Possibly the most glamorous collection of the week was created by the Italian Valentino. Though the clothes were decidedly dark, (black and chocolate brown were favourites) with the odd highlight of oatmeal, ivory, and red, the designer kept the mood light. Wisps of chiffon fluttered at the neck of understated shifts, and tweedy suits which followed the body's natural curves, while vast "medieval" flute sleeves added drama to the simplest of little dresses. Evenings were a mix of sculptural elegance and wildly theatrical Victoriana.

Equally theatrical was the presentation of John Galliano who showed his tiny collection in a tumbledown town house. Tuxedo jackets were given an oriental slant, cut like a kimono, and strapped about the body with an obi (an ancient Japanese back-pack). Precisely executed make-up and hair matched the designer's fastidiously fashioned clothes. Galliano lives in a crazy world of his own making, but thankfully, lets us in occasionally to experience the madness.

Galliano was not the only designer looking East for inspiration. Yohji Yamamoto rediscovered his Japanese roots with a range of kimono-style coats, lavishly handpainted, or worn one on top of the other — a surprisingly flamboyant look for Yohji. Other outfits wrapped and flapped about the body. This too was the line taken by Comme des Garçons, with cut-off vests over longer lengths, and raggedy jackets and dresses made from the remnants of military uniforms.

Jean-Paul Gaultier's collection continued his trip to far off lands, this time Lapland. His Eskimo chic combined luxurious printed silks puffed into robe coats, trimmed with fur, with wool coats worn on one-shoulder. Layer upon layer of pattern, knit, velvet, and sheepskin in deep shades of blood red, peach, copper, chocolate, turquoise and yellow gold. Warm looking, wonderfully wearable clothes.

Of course, there were other highlights — Jean Colonna's sparkle suits: Christian Dior's high waisted trousers, Lagerfeld's own flute jackets, Martine Sitbon's Chinese silks, and Issey Miyake's bright utility wear. But for those by Chanel, Westwood, Valentino, Galliano, Yamamoto and Comme Des Garçons I would wait hours, days even, to see them again.

● IT WASN'T just those in the fashion press who donned dark glasses at the shows. Even for winter, sunspecs seem to be the thing. Yohji Yamamoto handed out an eye chart at his show, and an alphabetical "glance on glasses", with meaningful mottos such as "Glasses help also to look inside oneself". Romeo Gigli gave away pairs of pastel-coloured sunglasses and showed his entire range during his catwalk show.

● A FAMILIAR face (and tatoo) in the audience for Jean Colonna's fashion show was Cher. The singer was in town to attend the party for Chrome Hearts, the Los Angeles-based fashion company which specialises in leather biker jackets and macho jewellery. Very rock 'n' roll. Very Cher.

● CERTAIN members of the fashion press seemed overconcerned about being caricatured in Altman's *Prêt-à-Porter* film. More worrying, perhaps, is the thought of being written into the novel-in-progress by Lowri Turner, the fashion editor of the London *Evening Standard*, and a familiar face on daytime television. Turner's weekly column is filled with the kind of acerbic jibes, and back-stabbing bitchiness which has grown men quaking in their Bas Weejan loafers. The idea of Ms Turner's imagination running riot in fiction is too grisly to contemplate. Be scared. Be very scared.

● THE DESIGNER Joseph scored a double triumph last week, first with a pair of trousers (with satin leg stripe), which nearly every member of the female fashion cognescenti wore, and second when he unveiled his autumn/winter knitwear collection. The range, one of his best to date, features short mohair dresses in pastel shades, chenille separates and "fur pile" knitted cardigans, — more "must have" items for next season's collections.

● RED lipstick is back on the fashion map. After a long absence of colour, fashion editors took the plunge and painted their lips bright red. *Vogue*'s fashion director, Lucinda Chambers, opted for a coral red, a gash of colour against an otherwise unpainted face, while super-trendy stylist Katie England chose poppy red to complete her nouveau punk look.



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Matthew Parris



■ If Australia is going to dump the monarchy, should the Queen not get her retaliation in first?

Ever since the Prince of Wales returned *from his wretched* trip to Australia I have been worrying about the future of our monarchy there. I'm no great monarchist but the Prince and his mother are good, dutiful people and our national pride is bound up with their dignity. They merit respect.

They are not going to get it in Australia. For reasons which, whether or not one likes them, it is pointless to ignore, Australia is going her own way. Her destiny is decoupled from ours. With it, the Australians' sense of a shared identity with us is also decoupled. Why argue whether this is bad or good, when it is inevitable?

And what point is there in the dry, constitutionalist argument that our Queen is *Queen of Australia independently*: that its people do not serve her as Queen of the United Kingdom, but as their own Australian Queen? Legally that is so. Legally she could have *remained* Queen of India, without it implying that India remained *somehow* under the British wing: but the Indians took a different *view*. They saw the dominion of an essentially British monarchy as an imperial hangover, and so it is. The retention by the Australian people of a British monarchy is an assertion of their will to associate themselves with us as a people. The will is fading.

It is sometimes forgotten that it is also an assertion of *our* will to associate ourselves with Australia. We would not have our Queen going off and being Queen *anywhere she likes*. We would not allow her to assume titular sovereignty over Libya, even if Colonel Gaddafi asks her. Constitutionally she is as free as you or I to be monarch of any nation which invites her: but in practice we should exercise a veto. When, in the last century, the island of Chiloe (off Chile) invited George IV to be its king, Canning told him to refuse — thank goodness, or Mrs Thatcher would have had us at war with Chile. In practice and in the last resort, our monarch's sovereignty over any overseas realm, either as part of her British realm or separately, *is* a matter for the British people.

And it is time we dropped Australia before it drops us.

In any other human relationship we would have no doubt what to do. Once it becomes clear that you are going to be given the shove, you get out first, with your head held high. If you had a lover who, it became clear, was calculating how and when to jilt you, would you hang around? Would you willingly endure the humiliation of hearing a partner openly discussing with his or her friends the timing of the abrogration of your *partnership*? "Shall I drop her this year, or leave it a little longer?" What sort of a question is that? Pride demands that if the question even needs to be asked publicly, one should preempt the answer. Of course it *is* only a matter of human pride, but if monarchy is not based upon human pride, then what is it? We should make it clear to Australia that we, too, have our pride. The Queen should be encouraged to begin the process of dropping her *Australian dominions*.

Or is the alternative not now dismally clear? We face five, perhaps ten, years *during which the Aussies* make up their minds to do what we all know that in the end they will do. One last, *shaming royal visit*; *up* to a decade of discourtesy towards our Queen and her family; small snubs; gibes; snide and hick comments of the kind some Australians think funny — and all based on the fantastically conceited assumption that a self-respecting Queen would really want to be their monarch anyway.

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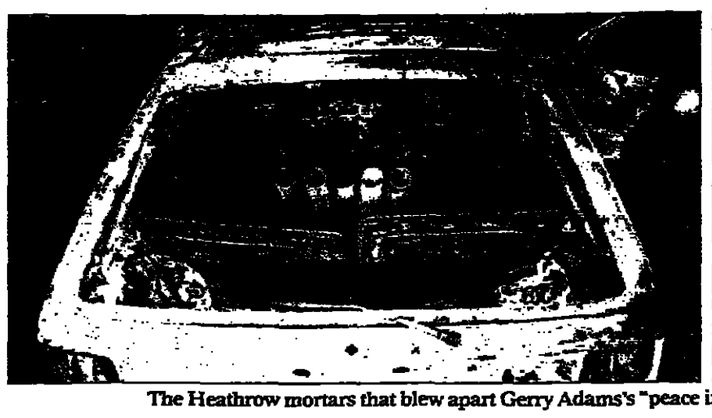
This would be the most humiliating part of all: the unspoken implication that we, for our part, want to carry on, and it's up to Australians whether they will have our Queen or not. The implication is that she and we are the petitioners, Aussie public opinion the court in which our request is to be heard. It is a court, moreover, whose final verdict is already known. Her Majesty is being asked to wait upon their judgment: how long a stay of execution may she enjoy, please?

I went to Western Australia recently, landing 70 years after D.H. Lawrence. His judgment in *Kangaroo* is spot on. "Nice," he said, "really nice. It made the spirits sink." Everyone lives in bungalows, watering flowers, visiting each other for barbecues and taking camping holidays at organised sites where they make tea with whistling kettles and avoid going into the bush, which they greatly fear. They are, Lawrence observed, a people sprinkled like packing cases — "tumbled, haphazard, off the pantechnicon of civilisation" round the edges of a great, dark continent which they hardly know, have not won and for which they have never spilt blood. It is as though the entire population of *Basingstoke had* been given an empty continent, and told to go forth and multiply.

Their history is not there, but in Basingstoke. They need to make a history for themselves. It is time we gave them a push. The spirit of Australia is "see if I care!". Well, see if we do.

The Government must now take the fight to the enemy, argues **Conor Cruise O'Brien**

Last act of an IRA confidence trick



The Heathrow mortars that blew apart Gerry Adams's "peace initiative"

The first set of IRA mortar bombs landed at Heathrow on the eve of last week's meeting of the Anglo-Irish *inter-governmental conference*, set up under the Anglo-Irish Agreement of 1985. The meeting was attended by John Major and Albert Reynolds, the *Irish Prime Minister, on whose* behalf it was announced that the Heathrow bombs would not deflect the two governments from the peace *process initiated* by the Downing Street declaration (which will be three months old tomorrow). Dick Spring, the Irish Foreign Minister, *did however* acknowledge that the peace process had "received a setback" from the bombing. Two further almost identical setbacks were promptly administered by the IRA.

Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein and the pivotal figure in the supposed peace process, had something to say last week about the effect of the bombs on the process. The bombs do not, in his view, represent a setback. They show that "the causes of the conflict" remain in place. To end the conflict, the causes will need to be removed. It is up to the British Government, not the IRA, do to this.

The first step will be for Mr Major to supply the "clarifications" to the Downing Street declaration which Mr Adams has been demanding. Mr Adams *has become more specific in his demands. He now acknowledges* that by clarifications he means further concessions. The reference to Irish "self-determination" in the declaration *is a step in* the right direction, but until it is followed by further steps the "causes of the conflict" remain in place.

The concessions immediately required are two: the "Unionist veto" must be removed, and Britain undertake to "persuade" the Unionists to accept self-determination to an extent satisfactory to the IRA. The president of Sinn Fein does not say that he would then ask the IRA to abandon its "armed struggle", or even accord a temporary ceasefire pending further concessions. Mr Adams makes clear that the IRA will continue its campaign until "the causes of the conflict" are removed.

Mr Major and Mr Reynolds must know by now that they have been conned by the IRA, via Gerry Adams working through John Hume, whom I prefer to regard as Mr Adams's dupe rather than as his accomplice. The Prime Ministers were sold a bill of goods consisting of two dud items. The first was that the IRA leaders were "war weary" and anxious to lay down their arms provided the British supplied them with a formula which would save their faces, enabling them to claim they had not fought in vain. The "self-determination" bit in the declaration was tailored to meet that specification.

That the whole picture was a fraud is a point which hardly needs to be laboured after the latest bombing. The declaration has been, for the IRA, a tonic, heartening its members and sympathisers and boosting recruitment. Security sources now reckthe IRA's "active service" membership to be at an all-time high.

The second dud is the concoction of a bogus version of Mr Adams as an earnest seeker after peace. British governments have been suckers for this type of ploy for more than 20 years: a factor high among the reasons why the IRA campaign has been so durable. I remember William Whitelaw, back in 1972, seeking confirmation from me of his impression that part of the IRA leadership was genuinely anxious for peace. I told him they were all anxious for peace *on their own terms* — "Brits out" — and none of them on any other terms. That is still the case.

Mr Adams's statements last week left no room, any longer, for illusions about that one. Those who have been conned must now be sickeningly aware of the fact. If they could bring themselves to admit it, that would be the beginning of wisdom, and of hope for the rest of us.

Purely defensive measures, such as enhanced security in the City Of London or the deployment of troops at Heathrow, may be necessary locally, but are politically worse than useless. They serve to advertise the power of the IRA, and the relative helplessness of the British Government. What is necessary is to take the initiative against the IRA leadership, which is known to include the versatile Mr Adams.

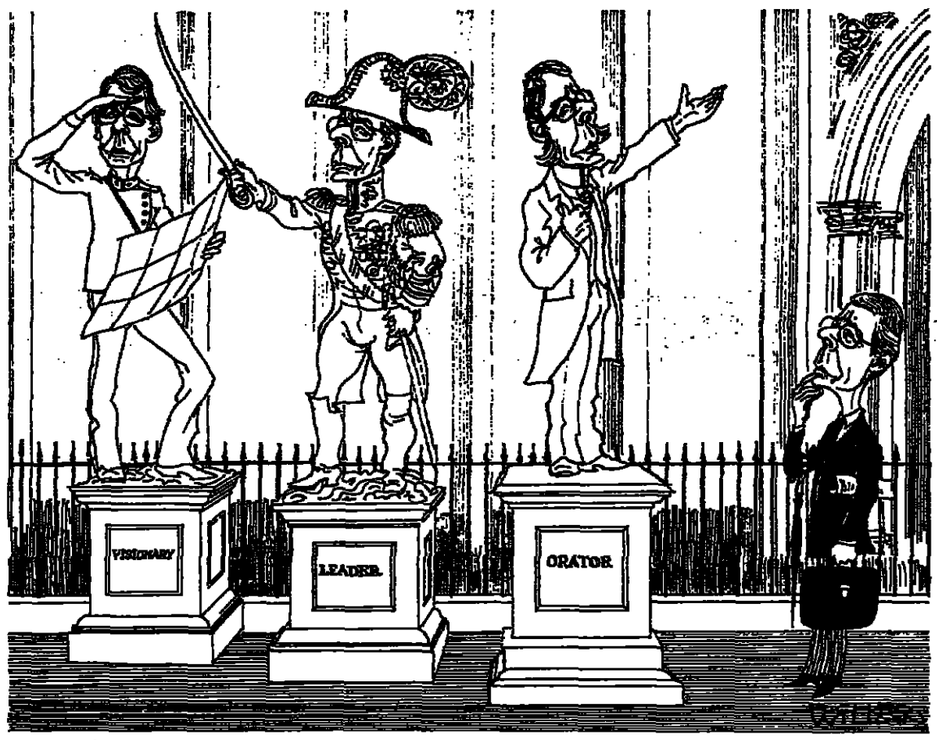
The great weakness of successive British governments is that they have given the impression they are desperate in their anxiety to rid themselves of responsibility for Northern Ireland. The Downing Street declaration greatly *fortified that impression*. If the goings-on at Heathrow have concentrated any minds, the message ought by now to be clear. As long as *Northern Ireland remains part of the* United Kingdom, the Government cannot divest itself of responsibility for it, and must act against those who seek to usurp that responsibility. If the Government decides to disengage from Northern Ireland, it should say so, and do so, frightful though the results would be. If, as I believe, it has no intention of doing that, it must not merely stay, but govern.

The first step needed is to acknowledge that the Downing Street peace process has been killed by the IRA. The next is to put contingency plans for internment on the agenda of the Anglo-Irish inter-governmental conference. This should be internment on both sides of the border, applied to both sets of paramilitary godfathers, IRA and Loyalist. I believe there would be a widespread welcome for that in both islands in present circumstances, provided Mr Major sets about it firmly.

The triple targeting of Heathrow has brought the terrorist threat vividly home to hundreds of thousands of travellers and travellers' families, both British and Irish, who were previously only vaguely aware of such a threat.

Our methods, not our men

Peter Riddell asks what kind of Prime Minister Britain needs



Recent speculation about the Tory leadership misses a crucial point. This is not the matter of whether Kenneth Clarke or Michael Heseltine would do a better job than John Major. Nor is it what Mr Major yesterday described between clenched teeth as Kenneth Clarke's "engaging outburst of frankness and candour" about wanting to become leader. The central question is what type of Prime Minister Britain needs.

The Thatcher years were exceptional. Mr Major's premiership, already longer than those of Eden, Home and Callaghan, is nearer the post-war norm. He is a manager rather than a crusader.

The debate about whether Britain has prime ministerial or presidential government, argued by John Mackintosh and Richard Crossman more than 30 years ago, is largely sterile. Too much depends on personalities and how long someone has been in office. Comparisons with the United States also ignore the tight constraints on a US president. American academics now write about the imperial Congress rather than the imperial presidency. A more revealing issue is why most premierships fail.

This question was prompted by an Institute of Contemporary British History seminar addressed by Nigel *Lawson and Robert Armstrong*, Chancellor of the Exchequer and Cabinet Secretary respectively during Lady Thatcher's central years. Lord Lawson said the power of the Prime Minister varied according to his or her political strength at any time. A steadily widening gap between Lady Thatcher and her colleagues made satisfactory Cabinet government more difficult to achieve. The cohesion and shared goals of 1979 disappeared and she became out of touch.

Lord Lawson's conclusion was that "the Prime Minister is not nearly as powerful as is widely made out". He described a mutual blackballing operation: not only can a Prime Minister block actions by a head of department, but a minister who is not spineless can usually stop a Prime *Minister from getting something* done in the department's area. Both Lord Lawson and Lord Armstrong argued that a minister's threat of *resignation was also a powerful* check. Although relatively few ministers help themselves by resigning, the very public act of leaving the Cabinet weakens a Prime Minister.

Mr Major has adopted a very different style as Prime Minister after the tumults of the Thatcher era. He is an instinctive consulter rather than confronter. He has ensured that all ministers' views are heard, so that they are committed to ensuing policies, whether on the Maastricht treaty or last autumn's public spending package. Issues, such as sending *troops to Bosnia*, are considered by relevant Cabinet committees, now more used than the *ad hoc* groups of the late Thatcher years.

*However, the Government is obvi*ously not working smoothly. Mistakes have been made, not just on economic policy but on legislation *that has forced ministers to make* concessions on key Bills. A frequent charge is that ministers are out of touch with Tory voters. Creeping bilateralism, identified by Lord Lawson as the weakness of a government in office for a long time, has not disappeared. Ministers are not thinking and behaving collectively as members of a Cabinet, but as separate heads of departments. There is little sense of a coherent strategy, as shown by the failure to discuss the implications of the back to basics approach before the slogan was launched at the Tory conference last October.

There are no obvious panaceas. *Tinkering with the machinery of* government, as in the 1960s and 1970s, is usually a waste of time. The machinery itself is seldom at fault. In *the classic case of a policy failure, the* poll tax, the textbook procedures for consultation and collective discussion were punctiliously followed. Lord Lawson believes mistakes could be avoided if Prime Ministers were more willing to share power by discussing strategy collectively in some form of inner Cabinet.

This idea has been tried from time to time. Harold Wilson created an economic strategic committee which started off well, but gradually more and more excluded ministers were invited to attend and the point of having a smaller group was lost. Edward Heath did not have a formal inner Cabinet but did have a small group of ministers close to him, including, Willie Whitelaw, Lord Carrington and, for most of the time, Jim Prior, but not the Chancellor and Foreign Secretary of the time, Anthony Barber and Alec Home. Lady Thatcher had close friends such as Cecil Parkinson and Nicholas Ridley.

Most important to Lady Thatcher was the personal sounding board of Lord Whitelaw. According to Lord Armstrong, she came to depend on his temperament and instincts. Lord Whitelaw seldom said no to the Prime Minister, but when he did, she withdrew. He was like a nuclear deterrent, though Tory wets accused him of not standing up to her. In Lord Lawson's view, the process of government deteriorated after he resigned. What is needed is "an institutionalised Willie". Mr Major does not have such an adviser. There is no one in the Cabinet of independent standing and weight whom he can trust, apart from Douglas Hurd who is preoccupied overseas. Lord Wakeham, though valuable as a fixer of committee business, has never quite gained that position.

There are many, largely unappreciated, virtues in Mr Major's more managerial and collective style as Prime Minister. It is no good just calling for stronger leadership. The Government is suffering from an underlying erosion of momentum, authority and vitality as a result of *being too long in* office. That is hard to remedy, whoever is in charge. But Mr Major will not survive, or recover, unless he remembers Lord *Armstrong's warning that Lady* Thatcher did not pay enough attention to securing and retaining the support of Cabinet colleagues.

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

Zimmer framed

EVEN THE most pro-European government ministers found their counterparts on the Continent rather trying in the run-up to the memorable vote on the Maastricht treaty. And few were more exasperated, it appears, than Tristan Garel-Jones, the former minister of state at the Foreign Office.

A BBC documentary later this month goes behind the scenes with Garel-Jones as he *attempts to smooth* the passage of the Maastricht Bill. After a meeting with Emilio Colombo, former Italian Foreign *Minister*, Garel-Jones emerges shaking his head at the man's alleged senility. "That was about as near to hell as you can get," says an aide. "He is miles away. On another planet." Garel-Jones agrees: "Yes absolutely. [He needs] a *Zimmer frame*."

The minister openly criticises other European governments and draws heavily on *his aides throughout the first* instalment of *True Brits*. His non-smoking private secretary Tim Hitchens even supplies the ministerial cigarettes: "You will never catch him *without a couple of packets of* Benson & Hedges," admits Garel-Jones.

But the cameras miss the *minister's habit in European* meetings of writing limericks about his Continental colleagues. "Occasionally he passed them to Douglas Hurd to finish," says a Foreign Office source.

● *Downside School in Somerset held an auction on Saturday of strange artefacts to raise money for old boys travelling in Third World countries. Other than the ceremonial parang from the Kayan tribe of headhunters in Borneo, the strangest lot was a 1912 bedpan. It sold for £25.*

Halloo there

WARWICKSHIRE'S Atherstone hunt notched up something of a victory this weekend at an extraordinary dinner where the guest of honour, Jilly Cooper, admitted she had confused fact with fiction.

Cooper was apologising to the Atherstone because she had invented a fictitious hunt of the same name in her book *Araminta's Wedding*, a licentious tale of life amid the landed classes. "*I consulted* Debrett's but not Bailly's hunting directory. I will change the name before the paperback version is produced," she assured the hunt, which convened its last formal dinner more than a decade ago.

When Cooper first discovered her mistake, she sent copies of the hardback to the hunt's four joint-masters as a form of apology. Whether she will send them the paperback remains to be seen — her last packages were mistaken for bombs and the police were called.



DIARY

Russian roulade

AN EPICUREAN delegation of Britons was groaning wearily as it recovered in Russia this weekend from its annual bout of serious over-indulgence. The Savoy Gastronomes, open only to those who have worked in the Savoy Hotel's reception area, dined on caviar and coulibac of salmon on Friday night at a palace frequented by Rasputin in St Petersburg.

Joining the 50 members as a somewhat startled guest of honour at the Yusupov Palace for the vodka-laden annual dinner was the British consul in St Peterburg, Stuart Jack. "It usually gets pretty lively," admitted Julian Payne, a founding member, as he set off from Heathrow with a jeroboam of Pol-Roger tucked under his arm. "We've got another two cases in the hold."

Puff of hot air

A LIVELY start beckons for Radio Five Live, the sports and news station which begins *transmitting at the end of the* month. A pilot programme for one of the station's late-night chat shows, *After Hours*, broke up in chaos recently after one of the panellists stormed off for a cigarette.

It had been far from propitious when the star panellist, gangland villain "Mad" Frankie Fraser, turned up unexpectedly with his girl friend in tow and insisted she should sit on the panel, too.

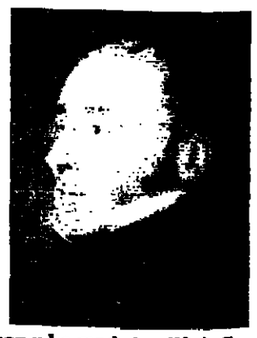
"Then she got very uncomfortable during the discussion," says a BBC source. "She walked out saying she was off for a cigarette." Fraser did not like her running off and chucked in the microphone to follow his girl.

Male order

THE MALE undergraduates of *Oxford's St Edmund Hall*, a college where rugger and beer-drinking tend to be at the forefront of curricular activity, *claim to have struck a blow for* equality. They have just elected the university's first "men's officer" for their joint common *room committee*.

Daniel Britz, a third-year engineering student, originally entered the elections as a joke. But he now believes Teddy Hall's male population needs help. "I think the fact that men are in the majority at St Edmund Hall is a source of some frustration," he says. The college's JCR president Alice Clay elaborates: "I suppose in this college it's the representation of the views of the unopposed majority." But others are less sure. "All a men's officer will do is squander JCR funds on men-only drinks parties," snorts a member of the minority.





Victoria and Conroy, the man who made her life hell

Victorian values of a different order

MORE tales of acrimony at Kensington Palace, the London home of the Princess of Wales, are about to hit the bookshelves. And the details contained in *A Royal Conflict* by Katherine Hudson make such frolics as toe-sucking seem positively virtuous. Hudson deals with the extraordinarily arrogant behaviour of Sir John Conroy, the aide who oversaw the harsh upbringing of the young Princess Victoria. Conroy siphoned off hundreds of thousands of pounds, once refused Victoria access to a doctor when she was at death's door, and tried to worm his way to becoming her private secretary. But what appears really to have stuck in Victoria's throat, giving rise to her description of him as a "monster and demon incarnate", was his assumption that he was her equal. The poor chap thought his family descended from George III, explains Hudson: "And this fantasy inspired, to an almost diabolical extent, the actions of his career."

SECURITY FIRST

An army guard for Heathrow would be a sound beginning

The British public did not have to wait long for the "spectaculars" promised with deplorable relish by Gerry Adams last Thursday. Yesterday morning's third mortar attack on Heathrow airport was the closest that the IRA has come to causing loss of life in this latest phase of its mainland campaign. These attacks have been a clear signal of the republican movement's contempt for the peace process initiated by last December's Anglo-Irish declaration. But they have also signalled its continued determination to murder civilians and to damage Britain's economic interests.

Faced with such a challenge, a democratic society is entitled to take the measures necessary to protect its citizens and its prosperity. The public may be instinctively reluctant to endorse current proposals to use army tanks and troops in the defence of Heathrow: some will even feel this to be a victory for the men of violence. Yet in other countries soldiers take part in airport security measures as a matter of routine. After these attacks, the presence of troops at Heathrow is more likely to reassure foreign businessmen and tourists than to unsettle them. The British public should welcome such a measure if the Government has the courage to take it.

But ministers should not imagine that this will be sufficient response. They must first disentangle the question of security from the diplomatic agenda set by the declaration. There have been persistent rumours in the last few months that the security forces in the province have been discreetly urged not to arrest key IRA suspects while Sinn Fein is considering the Anglo-Irish offer of exploratory talks. True or not, these rumours need to be scotched by action north and south of the border. At present, there is a perilous vacuum in policy on both sides of the Irish Sea which the IRA is only too happy to fill.

John Major must hold the Irish government to its promises to respond with appropriate measures if the declaration failed. Many of the criticisms levelled at the Republic concerning security arrangements have been unjustly harsh; but more could certainly be done to tighten cross-border co-operation. The British Army must be given the right to liaise directly with the Garda, rather than through the Royal Ulster Constabulary; British cars and helicopters should be given greater powers to pursue suspects into the South; and Albert Reynolds, the Taoiseach, must press ahead with his delayed extradition measures.

But specific security proposals of this kind have been before the Government for years. The underlying problem is the general approach which has governed recent British policy in the province. In November 1989, Peter Brooke, then Northern Ireland Secretary, claimed that military defeat of the IRA was "difficult to envisage... because of the circumstances in which they operate" and that the response to a republican ceasefire would therefore "need to be imaginative". This crucial admission set the trend for the British strategy of the last four years: an unnecessarily defeatist approach to security and a mistaken belief that Sinn Fein could be persuaded to accept the Unionist veto by the prospect of peace talks.

Regretably, the Prime Minister's claim in an interview published yesterday that the declaration is "a permanency" suggested a stubborn refusal to acknowledge that this approach has failed. Meanwhile, the call for the reintroduction of selective internment is once again gaining momentum in response to the latest round of IRA attacks. Such a step would indeed be drastic. But if the Government is to resist such calls, it must soon produce a strategy better than its increasingly irrelevant declaration.

RAO'S AGENDA

There must be no slowdown in India's economic reform

Although uncharismatic in appearance and method, P.V. Narasimha Rao is the most revolutionary Prime Minister in the history of independent India. He arrived in London yesterday on a visit of considerable importance. Trade and investment in India's increasingly athletic economy will dominate the agenda; posturing and sermonising, for long the staple fare served by Indian politicians when travelling abroad, will not. Mr Rao is a pragmatic and businesslike man running an increasingly pragmatic and businesslike country.

After independence in 1947, a series of disastrous five-year plans modelled on Soviet methods saw India's entrepreneurial culture asphyxiated by an obese public sector. Private enterprise was beset by hostile economic policies and the periodic salvos of populist rhetoric fired against it. India was a dwarf in the global economy, and the poverty in which its population lived remained unabated.

Mr Rao has sought to change all that. His Finance Minister, Manmohan Singh, produced in July 1991 the most radical budget in the country's history. Fiscal and monetary reform, the lifting of many restrictions on foreign investment and the end of the "licence Raj" signalled to the world that the sacred cow of dirigiste economics had been returned to its corral. But the route to economic salvation is a long one. A number of reforms remain to be effected and the latest budget, announced earlier this month, was disappointing. Mr Rao and Dr Singh have chosen to tolerate a higher rate of public borrowing than is prudent in the circumstances. And the programme of privatisation of state-run enterprises continues to be too timorous. There is no indication that restrictive labour laws are to be reformed.

Mr Rao may feel that the political costs of pushing the reforms to their logical conclusion would be too high. But this is not necessarily so: the government is at its highest ebb since he led his Congress party to victory in the polls of June 1991, conducted in the shadow of the assassinated Rajiv Gandhi. With new-found support from splinter groups he need fear parliamentary motions of no confidence no longer. And the next national elections are not until 1996.

But India does face serious internal problems. Secularism is under serious threat. The rise of the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has imposed a sense of caution on Mr Rao, fearful of that party's electoral appeal — despite its setback in recent regional elections. He has come under pressure from conservative elements within his party to undercut the BJP by adopting some of its less strident nationalist policies. But he should resist such pressure: a secular India guarantees political stability best. And economic growth is the best ally of secularism.

There are some aspects of Mr Rao's India which grate. The protection of human rights, particularly in Kashmir, has witnessed a worrying decline. The situation there hardly befits a country with India's ideals and aspirations. It is to be regretted that India, which in all other respects now looks west for its economic and political models, should in the sphere of human rights find common ground with countries further east. India shares with them no more than a continent: and not one of them can boast of a constitution or political process which matches India's. Mr Rao's India must be prosperous; but it must also be liberal. Such an India would be of inestimable value to the international community.

SPEECH IMPEDIMENT

Children learn to talk from parents, not from television

A disturbing report published today shows an increase in the number of pre-school children with difficulties in speaking or in understanding speech. The survey of more than 1,000 children was sponsored by British Telecom as part of its SpeakWatch campaign to focus attention on all forms of speech and hearing disability. No fewer than one-fifth of children between two and five years old have some impediment in their speech development. Researchers comment on the large number of children who seem to be failing to acquire the ability to comprehend language or to respond verbally in a way that is appropriate for their age.

Some expert opinion blames the decline of parental involvement in children's play. Experienced speech therapists cite the amount of time spent watching television rather than being actively engaged with participating parents. They have noted a number of children in this very young age group who are unable to communicate properly, but who can parrot television jingles without understanding them. These children appear to have memorised sounds without gaining the kind of verbal understanding learnt through real conversation.

While it would be difficult to prove a clear-cut connection between the television-as-babysitter and retarded speech, this theory is persuasive enough to be alarming. Pre-school television addicts, whose parents rarely play with them, miss out on the crucial early steps in language: the word games and repetitions which help to reinforce understanding. Even more important, by getting most of their exposure to words through the passive medium of television, they fail to acquire the social skills of language: the sense of its reciprocity. These same children may go on to become introverted video-game or computer addicts, isolated by their inability to use language effectively and by the poverty of their social responses.

Adults who lead pressured lives can easily become complacent about their children's pastimes. Television offers a seductive temptation: it provides an engrossing stimulus which seems to keep toddlers safely mesmerised. Parents can delude themselves into thinking that daytime programmes are harmless and even educative. What they may fail to realise is just how important personal contact is to a child's ability to learn: acquiring language cannot be separated from a child's psychological development.

The experts cite the value of traditional games which make use of those skills most important in developing verbal abilities because they involve a reward of parental response to a child's progress. Asking questions and giving explanations, story-telling and play with toys which need a child's own imagination to animate them — like dolls or toy trains — should never be displaced by electronic media. These findings should be taken as a serious warning about how childhood may be impoverished by a wealth of technology.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Plea for action on toxic waste exports

From the Archbishop of York and others

Sir, The export of toxic waste by wealthy industrialised countries, for any purpose, represents an unacceptable abuse of the Third World and Eastern Europe. In October 1993, in Rome, Pope John Paul II described the practice of exporting toxic waste from rich to poor countries as "a grave abuse and an offence against the solidarity of humanity".

In a parliamentary answer on January 12, 1994, the Government argued that "recycling of wastes offers environmental benefits provided that adequate environmental standards are maintained". We disagree. This is an issue of justice and of our taking responsibility for our own actions. Jesus said: "Do to others as you would have them do to you." If the UK economy produces toxic waste, we should remain responsible for it. The UK should do all in its power to avoid the exploitation of countries that do not have the resources and infrastructure to enforce strong environmental standards.

At the last meeting of the Basel Convention which governs trade in hazardous waste, held in Piriapolis, Uruguay, in December 1992, the G77 group of over 100 Third World and East European countries called for a ban on all exports of toxic waste from the industrialised Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

On March 21, at the meeting in Geneva of the Basel Convention, the Danish government will put foward an amendment for debate which again calls for a ban. We urge the Government to reconsider its position, and to support the proposed ban on all exports of toxic waste to non-OECD countries, whether for disposal or any form of recycling

Yours sincerely,
JOHN EBOR,
†KEITH PATRICK,
†JOHN ALOYSIUS WARD,
†JAMES BATH AND WELLS,
†PHILIP WORCESTER,
†MICHAEL ROFFEN,
†DAVID SARUM,
†HUGH MONTEFIORE,
c/o Bishopsthorpe, York.
March 11.

Tories and Europe

From Mr John Whittingdale, MP for Colchester South and Maldon (Conservative)

Sir, Anthony Teasdale (letter, March 11) is right that the draft Conservative manifesto for the European elections submitted to Mrs Thatcher in March 1989 met with her approval. However, this was not the first draft to be sent to her.

On February 10, 1989, Geoffrey Howe sent Mrs Thatcher a first draft with a request for her views about its themes, contents and length. It was this that was rejected by her and sent back for rewriting. In particular, she asked that the section on tax harmonisation be made stronger and that the section on economic and monetary co-operation be redrafted. It was only after this instruction had been given that the paragraphs stating the Conservative Party's opposition to economic and monetary union were added.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN WHITTINGDALE
(Political Secretary to the Prime Minister, 1988-90),
House of Commons.
March 11.

Candidates' selection

From Mr Alan Duncan, MP for Rutland and Melton (Conservative)

Sir, Alice Thomson is fuelling a myth when she writes (report, March 7) that those who have worked in Conservative Central Office or as a ministerial adviser are on a fast track to the Commons. They enjoy no such privileged progress, nor do they form a large fraction of the 1992 intake as some suggest.

Each went through the same selection process as anyone else, although no doubt their experience of government will have counted in their favour. And, of the 63 Conservatives first elected in 1992, only six had spent any length of time as an adviser.

It has become fashionable to argue that the new Parliament is uniquely overloaded with those who have little or no experience outside politics, but such a charge simply does not stand up to scrutiny. A few anonymous quotes do not constitute a worthy analysis of either the calibre or the complexion of the latest arrivals.

The Commons has always contained MPs who have been close to government before their own election, and there would be no virtue in denying Parliament the benefit of that experience. However, there are probably fewer such people in the last intake than in previous ones, and a proper study would reveal that there were rather more in the days of Butler, Maudling, Powell and Macleod.

Yours faithfully,
A. J. C. DUNCAN,
House of Commons.
March 9.

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Hospital closures and nation's needs

From Sir Bernard Tomlinson

Sir, Although Lord Jenkin of Roding (letter, March 8) and Mrs Virginia Bottomley (article, February 17) have answered some of Lord Rees-Mogg's criticisms (February 14, March 3) about the closure of leading London hospitals, some additional points need to be made.

Over the last four decades, covering both Labour and Conservative administrations, medical advances have greatly reduced the length of time patients need to stay in hospital, enabling increasing numbers to be treated in ever fewer acute beds. London's hospitals have shared in this national trend and are likely to reach levels of patient throughput and increases in day surgery which would allow a further 2,700 beds to close in the next five years whilst yet more patients are treated through the remaining beds.

Aspects of the NHS reforms, particularly the more equitable distribution of funds to local populations, will reduce the number of people coming into London from surrounding areas for treatment and divert inner-London patients away from the most expensive hospitals. In some instances this has happened more quickly than my report in 1992 on inner-London health care expected.

However the principle that there should be a shift in the balance from costly high-technology hospitals towards more and better primary and community care is more important than the details of which hospitals should close.

Patients from outer London and the shires with rare or highly specialised conditions will continue to come to inner-London hospitals. However, it is obvious that the many small, specialised centres in London are equally in need of reorganisation into fewer, larger and more effective units. These changes are essential for the sake of optimum patient care, economy, teaching and research.

Lord Rees-Mogg (March 3) draws on Professor Brian Jarman's studies of the London health service to defend the status quo. In spite of what Rees-Mogg says, we did consider Professor Jarman's analysis during the deliberations which led to our report. His proposition that as acute hospital beds become surplus to requirement they should be replaced by beds for the elderly until a satisfactory position has been reached over all beds throughout all London is totally unacceptable.

If Jarman's proposals were implemented they would commit the spending of vast sums on acute hospitals which were redundant for the purposes they are intended to serve. They would condemn growing numbers of elderly patients to care in highly unsuitable environments. They would delay, through absorption of NHS funds, the greatly needed improvements in primary and community care. They would wreck the Government's intention to achieve equitable funding through population-based funding and would deny outer London and the peripheral districts of the metropolitan regions the eagerly awaited opportunity to improve services and redress the historically privileged levels of funding of the inner-London hospitals.

It could well be that other cities will lose beds and hospitals at an equal rate proportional to their populations.

Rees-Mogg uses clinical outcomes determined by the quality of treatment as one reason for maintaining the status quo on acute hospitals in London. It has not, so far as I am aware, been established that the results of treatment of common conditions is better in London. If the case exists, the facts and figures must be published in the medical press as an urgent matter.

It was inevitable that a public and political battle would ensue to preserve the privileged position of London's major hospitals, irrespective of the fact that to continue their dominance would be detrimental to the further development of the health care of the population.

Yours sincerely,
BERNARD TOMLINSON
(Leader, Enquiry into London's Health Services, Education and Research, 1991-92),
Greyholme, Wynbury Road,
Low Fell, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear.
March 10.

TV and diet

From Dr Alexander Macnair

Sir, Jeremy Laurance reports on the findings of the Coronary Heart Disease Prevention Forum (March 2). Key nutrients, missing from our children's diets, are iron and calcium. These are best supplied by red meat and milk, the very foods that the health experts tell us are full of saturated fat, the supposed cause of coronary heart disease. Children need adequate supplies of energy, best provided by fat, in order to achieve their full height potential. Have the experts got it wrong?

National surveys in the US show increasing fatness and decreasing fitness in children. Television is blamed there as here for promoting fatty foods.

To my mind a more rational approach is to blame television in all its forms for holding children in thrall. It is the almost complete absence of exercise which causes them to become fat, unfit and at risk of hypertension, diabetes, and atherosclerosis of the coronary and cerebral arteries.

If children could be persuaded to abandon the television for an hour or so each day in order to take on some physically challenging activity, they would achieve full physical development and not need to care what they eat.

Perhaps a ban on food advertising to children would make children's television less interesting and encourage them to switch off altogether. If so, it would be a good thing.

Yours faithfully,
ALEXANDER MACNAIR,
20 Wimpole Street, W1.
March 2.

Motor disease drug

From the Director of the Motor Neurone Disease Association

Sir, It is a shame that your brief report of March 3 (later editions) on the results of a drug trial in motor neurone disease gave the clear impression that a treatment for this appalling disease had been found. Sadly, this is far from the case.

Disappointment following false hope is perhaps worse than no hope at all in the face of an invariably fatal disease, as evidenced by the calls to our patients' helpline.

Yours faithfully,
PETER CARDY,
Director,
Motor Neurone Disease Assocation,
PO Box 246, Northampton.
March 4.

Homosexuality law

From Sir Frederick Lawton

Sir, Like Mr Martin Bowley, QC (letter, March 8), I too hope that the House of Lords, when considering the Criminal Justice and Public Order Bill, will examine the application of the *Tyrrell* principle to homosexual offences.

I am sure that it does apply, despite Mr Robert Ward's opinion (also letter, March 8) to the contrary. Consensual buggery between adult males in private has not been a criminal offence since the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1967.

It has been my judicial experience that some adolescent homosexuals are the tempters, not the victims, of older men. Rent boys are often under 18.

Yours truly,
FREDERICK LAWTON,
1 The Village, Skelton, York.
March 8.

Ageism and toffee

From Mr E. C. Hulse

Sir, How very much I agree with Dr Barbara Reynolds's views in condemnation of ageism (letter, March 3)

I am rising 83 and I live alone with the support of two dachshunds. I am president of the Lewes National Trust Centre, vice-chairman of Lewes Group Civil Service Retirement Fellowship and chairman of the Ditchling Museum Trust.

And, *pace* your book reviewer of February 24, I do not *suck* toffees, I *chew* them with my own teeth!

Yours faithfully,
E. C. HULSE,
12 Beacon Road, Ditchling,
Hassocks, West Sussex.
March 3.

Adventure made safer

From the Chief Education Officer, Devon County Council

Sir, Your leader of March 8, "Safe trips", is exemplary. Following the tragedy in Lyme Bay in March last year, when four schoolchildren died, Devon County Council has been pressing the Secretary of State for Education to introduce a mandatory system for the regulation and inspection of outdoor activity centres.

We have been joined by the parents of the young people who lost their lives, by the survivors of the accident and by many others in our campaign to promote legislation to this end.

It is, of course, accepted that outdoor activities such as canoeing and rock climbing are by their very nature potentially hazardous. Like most other responsible local education authorities, Devon provides advice and guidance to its schools about the preparatory and preventive work that should be undertaken before involving students in these activities.

We would wish to encourage young people to involve themselves in outdoor pursuits, but we should do all we can to minimise risk. Advice and guidance is not enough. Only a regular programme of inspection will ensure that staff are properly qualified and supervised and that equipment is kept up to date.

In an age when we register and inspect abattoirs and dog kennels, surely we owe it to our young people to legislate similarly for outdoor activity centres.

Yours faithfully,
S. W. G. JENKIN,
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Devon County Council,
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March 9.

'No sense' to break up the Post Office

From the General Secretary of the Union of Communication Workers

Sir, Your report ("Heseltine ready to sell most of the Post Office", Business, March 7) suggests that Tory MPs believe that breaking up the Post Office will be less unpopular electorally than privatising it. They are wrong.

Divorcing parcels and letters from the counters business makes no sense whatsoever. A quarter of the transactions conducted across post office counters are on behalf of the Royal Mail and Parcelforce. Of 3,092 delivery offices, 1,690, or 54 per cent, are attached to the local post office. If Royal Mail and Parcelforce are sold off to the private sector they will be forced to put profit before public service.

Because of their current position in an integrated public-sector Post Office, they have a greater interest than most in supporting and maintaining a network that ensures that 65 per cent of villages have a post office whilst only 5 per cent have a bank. Breaking the link will therefore place this network in jeopardy by losing economies of scale and threatening existing contractual arrangements.

Shares for our members will count for little when the newly privatised Royal Mail abandons the second delivery, as it most definitely will, cutting out 27,000 jobs and affecting every community in the United Kingdom.

We have consistently opposed privatisation of the Post Office whilst arguing that it should be able to operate more competitively. The suggestion that Mr Heseltine is about to split up the Post Office — probably the worst option of all — does not accord with the general view that he has recovered his political acumen.

Yours sincerely,
ALAN JOHNSON,
General Secretary,
Union of Communication Workers,
UCW House, Crescent Lane, SW4.
March 7.

City regulation

From Mr John Donaldson

Sir, It is clear that there is a need to rethink the nature of self-regulation of the financial services industry and the role of the Securities and Investments Board. The report (Business, March 8) that the SIB is looking for more powers, possibly on the lines of the American Securities and Exchange Commission, and the comment on the same day in your Pennington column that this would be no bad thing, are encouraging signs.

A number of basic questions remain open, however, such as: what should be enforced, on whom, and for what purpose? If practical standards are to be raised, how far can enforcement alone be relied upon?

But there are even more basic matters. "Self-regulation" in all sectors has come to mean regulation by the management groups of the supply side of the industry. This cannot provide a balance of the proper aspirations of the people directly affected, the clients and buyers in particular. It is arguable that the supply companies are the industry, but they are not the market. A better concept is "market self-regulation".

The problem is not that the UK financial services industry has been acting amorally. It has a powerful ethic, but it is management-driven, relying on the assumptions that top management goals of profit maximisation, competitiveness and modernity (and lapses from them) are the only things that matter.

Substantial fines now being levied will eventually be passed on to consumers. This will further perpetuate an unbalanced and unfair system of self-interest regulation by the industry's key people.

Composition, enforcement and revision of codes of practice for the industry need to be the responsibilities of all those who are subject to them or are their supposed beneficiaries. Ethically dubious but common practices in which decision-makers are "judge and jury in their own cause" need to be replaced.

Ethical codes of practice should enshrine principles of distributive justice and natural justice, of which this country has in the past had reason to be proud.

The concepts, skills and methods to restore normative order in the industry do exist, but they have been ignored to everyone's cost and to the detriment of the industry itself.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN DONALDSON
(Chairman), Centre for Service Management Studies,
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Reading, Berkshire.
March 8.

Productivity indicators

From Dr G. H. Tattersall

Sir, The state of this country was pretty clearly indicated by your published lists of successes in professional examinations — over two pages of chartered accountants (February 19) and about three quarters of a page of chartered engineers (March 8).

Yours faithfully,
G. H. TATTERSALL,
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March 10.

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 13: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present at a Gala Night of Ballet to celebrate the life of Rudolf Nureyev, held at the London Coliseum this evening for the benefit of Crusaid.

The Lady Glenconner was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will start the Commonwealth Games relay message from Buckingham Palace at 2.15; will attend the Commonwealth Day Observance in Westminster Abbey at 3.15; and will attend the Commonwealth Day reception at Marlborough House at 6.30.

The Prince of Wales will inaugurate the multimedia English language teaching project Look Ahead at the British Council at noon.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Butler Trust, will attend the awards ceremo[illegible] at Buckingham Palace at 11.50; and, as [illegible]esident of the Save the Children Fund, will attend a regional media reception at the Regus Conference Centre, 1 Northumberland Avenue, at 6.00 to mark the fund's 75th birthday appeal.

Memorial service

Professor Thaddeus Mann
A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Professor Thaddeus Mann was held on Saturday at St Edward's Church, Cambridge. The Rev Alan Cole, Vicar-*Chaplain* of St Edward's, officiated.

Dr Jonathan Steinberg, Vice-Master of Trinity Hall, and Dr Sandra Raban, senior tutor, read the lessons. Sir John Lyons, Master, gave an address. The Rev Dorothy Wilman, Assistant to the Dean, was also robed.

University news is on the facing page

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.R. Brewer and Miss A.M. Gillespie
The engagement is announced between Nick, son of Mr Robert Brewer, of Kingston, Jamaica, and the late Mrs Anne Brewer, and Tatti, daughter of Mr David Gillespie, of Haslemere, Surrey, and Mrs Guy Lucas.

Mr J.R. Colman and Miss S.L. Cotterell
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr Timothy and Lady Mary Colman, of Bixley Manor, Norfolk, and Sacha, daughter of Mr Robert Cotterell, of Upper Norton, Herefordshire, and Mrs Elizabeth Rawlings, of Chaddleworth, Berkshire.

Mr A. Riley and Miss R. Fairmann
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Barry Riley, of Old Dalby, Leicestershire, and Rachel, elder daughter of the late Mr Christopher Fairmann and of Mrs Angela Fairmann, also of Old Dalby.

Marriages

Lord Ellenborough *and Mrs F. Kimberley*
The marriage took place quietly at All Saints Church, Crowborough on Saturday, March 12, between Lord Ellenborough and Mrs Frances Kimberley.

Mr K.P.B. Ward and Ms P.A. Gibbs
The marriage took place on March 12, at Loughborough, Leicestershire, of Kevin Patrick Benedict Ward and Patricia Ann Gibbs.

Winchester College

Winchester College has awarded the following scholarships for September 1994. (Listed in alphabetical order).

Music Awards
Timothy Kennedy, St George's School, Windsor; William Konitzer, St George's School, Windsor; Michael McMillan, Cranleigh Preparatory School; James Ramsay, Farleigh School, Red Rice, Andover; Matthew Sadler, Dulwich College Preparatory School, London; Alexander Sutherland (Quirister Award), The Pilgrims' School, Winchester; Michael Yau, St Paul's Co-educational College, Hong Kong.

Mozart Bicentenary Prize
John Loveday, Cheltenham College Junior School; Elliot Stevens, Twyford School, Winchester.

Sixth Form Awards
J.D. Gaul, Oundle School, Northamptonshire; R.A. Harrison, The Richard Aldworth Community School, Basingstoke.





Paul Barnett, above, who writes fantasy fiction under the name of John Grant, and J. Girt Waples, right, a thriller writer, desperately seek inspiration as they compete with 32 other writers in a 24-hour novel-writing contest. Many of the contestants — six women and 26 men — had completed more than 50 pages of their novels at the end of their first 12-hour writing session at the Groucho Club, Soho, London, yesterday. Most used word processors but three preferred to write by hand. The winner is expected to be announced on March 21. A Wiltshire publisher has offered to edit, print and distribute the best 24-hour novel in time for presentation of the World One-Day Novel Cup on March 23.

Horticulture

Flamboyant orchid shows off its spurs

By Alan Toogood
Horticulture Correspondent

A COMET orchid shown by Plested Orchids, of Camberley, Surrey, was considered to be the most fascinating plant among myriad flamboyant, colourful and bizarre subjects at the Royal Horticultural Society's orchid show, held in Westminster at the weekend.

Known botanically as *Angraecum sesquipedale* "Sandhurst", each of the large star-shaped waxy ivory flowers of the comet orchid has a 10in-long tail or spur. In the wild, in its native Madagascar, this orchid is pollenated by the long-tongued hawk moth while seeking nectar in the spurs.

The judges have recommended a gold medal for the vast display staged by McBean's Orchids (incorporating Charlesworth and Co), of Cooksbridge, East Sussex. It consists mainly of hybrids of their own raising, including small cymbidiums in a wide range of colours bred from the Chinese *Cymbidium floribundum*, ideal for growing indoors or where space is limited.

Even smaller orchids were shown by Equatorial Plants, of Barnard Castle, Co Durham, including miniature dendrobiums mounted on a piece of tree trunk, and the small but eye-catching *Dendrobium* "Winter Dawn" whose white flowers have a bright orange lip.

Cymbidium "Ice Cascade" growing in elevated baskets formed an impressive centrepiece to the exhibit from Ivens Orchids, of Sandridge, Kent. This orchid is well named as it has pendulous sprays of pure white flowers.

Members of the Thames Valley Orchid Society of Tilehurst, Berkshire, staged a varied selection of orchids including the unusual *Arpophyllum spicatum*, a native of Mexico and Guatemala, with tiny purplish pink flowers forming dense cylindrical spikes.

Birthdays today

Sir Kenneth Alexander, former vice-chancellor, Stirling University, 72; Miss Pam Ayres, poet, 47; Mr Ian Bruce, MP, 47; Mr Michael Caine, actor, 61; Mr Jasper Carrott, comedian, 49; Mr Billy Crystal, actor and comedian, 47; Professor Sir Colin Dollery, professor of medicine, 63; Mr Alan Elliott, chief constable, Cumbria, 52; Mr John Elton, company director, 70; Lieutenant-General Sir Peter Graham, 57; the Earl of Halifax, 50; the Hon Alan Hare, former chairman, *The Financial Times*, 75; Sir Philip Holland, former MP, 77; Mr Tom Iremonger, former MP, 78; Lord Keyes, 75; Mr Gavin Laird, trades unionist, 61; Air Chief Marshal Sir Douglas Lowe, 72; Mr John McCallum, actor, 76; Lord Marsh, 66; Sir Eric Norris, diplomat, 76; Mr Bill Owen, actor, 79; Sir Richard Parsons, diplomat, 66; Dame Betty Paterson, former chairman, NW Thames Regional Health Authority, 78; Miss Tessa Sanderson, athlete and broadcaster, 38; Mr W.M. Sillery, headmaster, Belfast Royal Academy, 53; Mr A.D. Smith, president, Magdalen College, Oxford, 56; Miss Rita Tushingham, actress, 52; Mr John Wain, author, 69.

Cruft's Show results

Day Two:
Italian Spinone: Miss B John, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol; Large Munsterlander: Sh Ch Ghyllbeck Holcus, Mrs B Hargreaves, Preston, Lancashire; Spaniel (Clumber) Sh Ch Raycroft Socialite, Mr R Dunne, Co Cavan, Ireland; Spaniel (Sussex): Daelyb Removal Man: Mrs D Bailey, Roadhead, Carlisle; English setter: Sh Ch Sundeala Crackerjack: Mrs B Davies, Cardiff, South Glamorgan; Labrador: Wilkamaur Black Swan, Mrs D Law, Accrington, Lancashire; Spaniel (field): Sh Ch Silksheen Bleddyn of Nantddu: Mr and Mrs J Prosser, Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan; Spaniel (Irish water): Tyton Mordeyrn, Miss T Mould, Frome, Somerset.
Brittany: Joymonds Fizgig at Huntersridge: Mrs J Cliss, Barry, West Glamorgan; German short haired pointer: Ch Swifthouse Bletchingdon: Mr C Simons, Bicester, Oxfordshire; German wirehaired pointer: Bareve Bacall: Miss C Shaw, Coleville, Leics; Irish red and white setter: Sh Ch Cleehurst Billy Budd: Mrs L Goddard, Deeside, Scotland; Pointer: Sh Ch Swandance Signet: Mr & Mrs D Russell, Lincoln; Gordon setter: Sh Ch Carek Ebony Tusker: Mrs Y Horrocks, Chalfont, Buckinghamshire; Hungarian vizsla: Szolnoki Zachaser by Pitswarren: Mr & Mrs J Harper, Andover, Hampshire; Hungarian wire haired vizsla: Shannamaya Bucsi: Miss A Combe, Ilkeston, Derbyshire; Irish red and white setter: Sh Ch Cleehurst Billy Budd: Mrs L Goddard, Deeside, Scotland; Retriever (Chesapeake Bay): Chesepi French Connection at Redchester: Mrs J Speight, Mirfield, West Yorkshire; Retriever (flat coated): Ch Branchalwood Stroan: Mrs Dalziel, Cumnock, Ayrshire; Spaniel (American cocker): Sh Ch Misticolas Over The Moon with Afterglow: Mr Gadsby, Wigan, Lancashire.

Day Three:
Cocker spaniel: Sh Ch Lynwater Dawn Shimmer: Mrs E Maclean, West Lothian; Irish setter: Withersdale Evergreen: Miss V Hall, Boreham Wood, Hertfordshire; Retriever (Curly Coated): Sh Ch Gladrags Celebrity: M J Phillips, Welshpool, Powys; Spaniel (Welsh springer) Talmere's Tempest: Mr M McGrath, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire; Retriever (golden): Ch Papeta Philosopher: Mr and Mrs Gaffney, Cork, Ireland; Spaniel (English spaniel): Wenark Wizard of Ox at Blue Winds: Mrs D Attoe, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk; Welmaraner: Sh Ch Monroes Assatis: Mr and Mrs R Ford, Hepworth, Essex.
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Dinners

The Cornhill Club
Lord Alexander of Weedon, QC, Chairman of the National Westminster Bank, was the guest speaker at the 52nd annual dinner of The Cornhill Club held on March 9. Mrs Jane M. Bradford, Chairman, presided and the event was attended by the club's President, Mr Brian Pitman, and 240 senior representatives of major banks and city financial institutions.

London Cornish Association
Lord St Levan, President of the London Cornish Association, accompanied by Lady St Levan, presided at the annual dinner held on Saturday at the Portman Hotel. Mr Petroc Trelawny was the guest of honour and Mr E.V. Thompson was the principal speaker. Mr Christopher Borkett and Mrs Borkett, chairman of the association, the Chairman of Cornwall County Council, the Mayor of Restormel and the Mayor of Truro were among others present.

Nature notes

ROOKS and carrion crows are often held motionless in the air by strong headwinds, and herons, with their large rounded wings, can be blown backwards. But they drop down and forge forward again. Smaller birds take shelter or fly low. Skylarks sing into an opposing wind, which helps them to hover steadily over their territories: at present they are skirmishing vigorously across the boundaries. Pairs of mallards can be found waddling along well away from water: they are looking for nesting places under hedges. The female will line the nest with soft down from her own breast, and will soon be laying up to 15 greenish eggs in it.

Leaf-buds are opening on many trees. On horse-chestnuts, the sticky buds are unfolding to reveal young pink leaves. On hornbeam twigs, all the small, sharp buds are glinting green. On sycamores, the new foliage is sprouting energetically. Along the blackthorn hedges, the first linen-white flowers are beginning to appear. Many sallow bushes are covered with silver catkins; on some, the catkins are already coated with golden pollen. On hedge-banks, lesser celandines are now at their best, with large, blooming colonies of the nine — or ten — pointed yellow stars.

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Service dinner

The Queen's Lancashire Regiment (V)
Lieutenant-Colonel B. Pickup, Commanding Officer of the 4th Battalion The Queen's Lancashire Regiment, presided at the annual dinner of The Queen's Lancashire Regiment Volunteer Dinner Club held on Saturday at Kimberley Barracks, Preston.

Honorary consul

Alexander Scott Bell, group managing director of Standard Life Assurance, Edinburgh, to be Canada's honorary consul in Scotland.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Johann Strauss the elder, violinist and composer, Vienna, 1804; Isabella Beeton, author of *The Book of Household Management*, London, 1836; Sir Thomas Lauder Brunton, physician, Hiltonshill, Roxburghshire, 1844; Umberto I, King of Italy 1878-1900, Turin, 1844; Paul Ehrlich, bio-chemist, Strohlen, Silesia (Strezelin, Poland), 1854; Albert Einstein, physicist, Nobel laureate 1921, Ulm, Germany, 1879.

DEATHS: George Wade, field marshal and road builder, London, 1748; John Byng, admiral, executed on board *Monarque* in Portsmouth Harbour for failing to relieve Minorca, 1757; Friedrich Klopstock, poet, Hamburg, 1803; John Jervis, Earl of St Vincent, admiral of the fleet, Essex, 1823; George Papworth, architect, Dublin, 1855; Louis Antoine Jullien, *composer, Paris, 1860; Karl Marx*, social, political and economic theorist, London, 1883; Henri Kock, novelist and dramatist, 1892; George Eastman, pioneer of photography, Rochester, New York, 1932; Nikolai Bukharin, journalist and politician, executed, Moscow, 1938; Busby Berkeley, choreographer, California, 1976; Sir Huw Wheldon, broadcaster, London, 1986; Zita, former empress of Austria, 1989.

The Mikado, by Gilbert and Sullivan, was first performed at the Savoy Theatre, London, 1885.

The first submarine telephone line was laid across the channel, 1891.

The German cruiser *Dresden* was sunk, 1915.

The New English Bible (New Testament) was published, 1961.

Latest wills

Mr Leonard Parkin, of Hallgarth, Pickering, North Yorkshire, the television newscaster, left estate valued at £519,500 net.

Mr Arthur Harry Carter, of Otterton, Budleigh Salterton, Devon, left estate valued at £437,878 net.
He left £15,000, other bequests and the maximum sum before inheritance tax is applied to personal legatees, and the balance of his estate to the Friends of Cathedral Music, as "it is my over-riding intention that no inheritance Tax shall be payable in respect of my estate".

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BIRTHS

BAKER - On 1st March 1994, to Tracy (née Fernie) and Neil, a son, Alexander Neil, a brother for Olivia.

DAVID - On 11th March 1994, to Michael and Kathleen, a son, Zachary Andrew, brother for Kathryn Elizabeth.

DEASY COWEY - On 8th March 1994, a beloved son, William to Jane and Colin.

FITCH-HOLLAND - On 10th March 1994, to Jennifer (née Smith) and Andrew, a daughter, Celia Kate, a sister for India.

JENKINS - On 24th February, to Amanda (née Evans) and Robert, a daughter, Isabella.

McAWEANEY - On Monday 7th March, to Frank and Margaret (née Hutchings), a daughter, Roisin Taryn, a sister for Tom and Joe. Thanks to the staff at King's College Hospital, London.

MURRAY - On 1st March 1994, to Helen (née Sohn) and Bill, another wonderful son, Nicholas Edward Christopher, a brother for Thomas.

MYNOTT - On March 7th, to Carol (née Schug) and Adam, a daughter Fleur Elizabeth, a sister for Will.

O'DONOGHUE - On March 11th, at Rochford Hospital, to Mary and Charles, a girl, Cara Helen Bridget, a sister for Rory.

WEST-KNIGHTS - On 11th March 1994 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Joanne (née Ecob) and Laurence, a son, Frederick Hugh Merriman, a brother for Imogen.

WOOD - On March 7th in Bath, to Kathleen, (née Lloeanjie), and Christopher, a daughter, Siobhan Ansie Russell, a sister for Justine and Imogen.

DEATHS

COMPTON - On Friday 11th March 1994, peacefully at home aged 87, Sir Edmund Gerald Compton G.C.B., K.B.E. Beloved husband of the late Betty Trewillan, dearly loved father and grandfather. Funeral at 12 noon on Wednesday 16th March 1994 at Chelsea Old Church. Family flowers only. Memorial Service to be announced later.

COULAVIN - Luc on 27th February, in Paris, aged 32, after a long illness borne with great courage and cheerfulness. Much missed by his family and many friends.

FULLER - Derek Cecil on March 9th in hospital in his 68th year, much loved father of Irena and Halina. Funeral at Breakspear Crematorium East Chapel, Ruislip, Middlesex, on Thursday 17th March at 10.30 am. Flowers or donations to The British Diabetic Association c/o H.C. Grimstead Ltd., 164 Field End Road, Eastcote, Middlesex.

HERBERTSON - On 12th March suddenly in Perth Western Australia, John Herbertson MBE. Well beloved husband of Aline, dearest father of Rosemary and Richard, father-in-law of James and Penny and darling grandpa of Jonathon, Kathryn and Guy.

HEWITT - On March 10th, peacefully at The Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, Cecil Rolph (Bill) aged 92 years. Widower of Jenifer, dearly loved father of Deborah, Jonathan and Julia. Much loved grandfather. Greatly missed friend and colleague to many. Service at St Nicolas Parish Church, Cranleigh on Tuesday 15th March at 3.00pm followed by cremation at Guildford. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Flowers or donations if desired to The British Diabetic Association, 10 Queen Anne Street, London, W1M 0BD.

HOSKYNS - Mary Lady passed away at the age of 98 on March the 10 1994. Cremation Kensal Rise Cemetery, Harrow road, London 4pm Tuesday March 15th, flowers to Leverton & sons, 212 Eversholt St London NW1 1BD. Service and committal St Andrews and St Marys Grantchester near Cambridge 2pm Saturday 19 March, flowers to the church. For enquiries 071 286 3483.

HOWSON - On March 10th 1994, Jill (Evangeline) née Collins, widow of Rear Admiral John Howson, peacefully at South Petherton Hospital, Somerset. She is survived by her son Richard and daughter Rosemary. Funeral Service 2 pm Wednesday March 16th at Yeovil Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations to RUKBA may be sent c/o Thomas Green Funeral Director, Station Road, Wincanton, Somerset.

NABOKEI - Herbert Iseanyi, loving husband to Dineke and father to Ofordi, much loved by all who knew him. Died suddenly on the 9th March 1994 aged 54 years. He will be fondly remembered and sadly missed. The funeral service will be held at St. Andrews Methodist Church, Frognal Lane London NW3 on 18th March 1994 at 10.45 am. Flowers to be sent to the Funeral Directors:- Leverton and sons ltd. 624 Finchly Road, London NW11.

NILSON - On 6th March 1994. Peacefully after a short illness, Amabel Rhoda (Bee) aged 86 years. Funeral Service at Breakspear Crematorium on Thursday 17th March at 11.30 am (East Chapel). Flowers or donations to The British Dietetic Society. Enquiries to T.A. Ellement & Son Ltd., 21 Bridge Street, Pinner, Middlesex, HA5 3HR.

PAVIA - Cyril Victor Felix, on March 10th, peacefully aged 84. Dearly loved husband of Barbara and father of Geoffrey, Mary, Alan and Michael. Private family burial, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving on Friday 18th March at 3 pm at St Christopher's Church, Haslemere. No flowers please - donations to British Heart Foundation c/o G.M. Luff & Partners, Haslemere.

ROLPH CH - See C R Hewitt

ROWE - Patrick Leslie MC DLI (Retired), on March 11th, aged 72, at home. Adored husband of Clare, father of the late Lavinia and of Derek, Susan and Andrew. Thanksgiving Service on March 18th at 12.00 noon, St Georges RC Church, Warminster. Family flowers only, donations if desired to British Heart Foundation.

SCOTT-GALL - On 10th March 1994, Robert, husband of Mary, father of Tony, Ian, Moggs and Susanna, Hugo and Alastair. Funeral 12.00 noon, Friday 18th March at Yeovil Crematorium, Yeovil, Somerset. Flowers may be sent to G E Johnson & Son, Funeral Directors, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

SOUTHEY - On March 8th 1994, Edmeé Isabelle, of Otham, Kent, aged 97 years, lineal descendant of the poet Robert Southey. All donations and flowers to Pickard and Beale Funeral Directors, 11 Brewer Street, Maidstone, Kent, tel: (0622) 677166.

STEWART - (née Ridgeway) On March 10th in Aylsham, Norfolk, Geraldine, beloved wife of Doctor Walter Stewart. Further details from Duckers Funeral Directors, Aylsham, Norfolk. Tel (0263) 733176.

TATE - On March 11th, peacefully, lieutenant Colonel Sir Henry Tate BTTDDL aged 91. Funeral private, no flowers donations please to LOROS Hospice c/o Fords of Oakham, 8 Church Street Oakham, Leicestershire LE15 6AA. Thanksgiving service to be notified later.

THOMPSON - On March 10th 1994 peacefully at Whitewebs Margaretting, Gerald Francis Michael Perronet aged 83. Beloved husband of the late Margaret Mary (née Bodenham Smith), father of Francis, Lucia and Vincent, father-in-law to Benedicte and Diana and grandfather of Reni, Bruno and Edward, Xanthe and Anthony. Requiem Mass at St. John and St. Erconwalds, Ingatestone at 11am on Thursday 17th March. Donations, if desired, to help the Hospices, 33 Brittania Street London WC1.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

NELSON - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Major General Sir John Nelson KCVO, CB, DSO, OBE, MC, will be held at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, on Thursday April 21st 1994 at 11 am. Those wishing to attend should apply for tickets and a car pass if required to the Regimental Adjutant, Grenadier Guards, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, London SW1E 6HQ by Tuesday April 5th 1994. Tickets will be issued after that date.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

MILLAR - Nicola Glen, remembering with love dearest Nicki, died 15th March 1969.

MARRIAGES

DORAN:DARBYSHIRE - The marriage took place on March 11th in Portland, Oregon, of Mark, only son of Mr John Doran of Aspley Heath, Woburn and Mrs Beryl Doran of Northleach, Glos., to Louise, only daughter of Mr & Mrs Cyril Darbyshire of Roundhay, Leeds.

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DR JASSIM and his wife (Kisah Abdul Hussain) have lost their passports (numbers M0154946 and K0291722, M0083661). Tel: 061 342 4878.

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SIR EDMUND COMPTON

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EDMUND COMPTON was Britain's first "Ombudsman", a job officially known — but less commonly recognised — by the title of Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration. His appointment was announced by Harold Wilson in 1966 after Compton had already served nine years as Comptroller and Auditor General and had passed the normal civil service retiring age of 60.

At the time the Prime Minister spoke of bringing Compton "back into active service" — and there was some validity to that since, in the view of his admirers, his talents had tended to be wasted in the important but essentially *post hoc* office of being the chief official attached to the Commons Public Accounts Committee. But the real motive behind his appointment — announced so long in advance that, in Wilson's words, "it led to a factious parliamentary row" — lay in the Prime Minister's need to find a berth for a displaced Whitehall permanent secretary, who was thereby enabled to step into Compton's shoes as Comptroller and Auditor General.

It was not the most propitious launch-pad for someone required to make constitutional history. At least, however, Compton was eminently qualified for the novel task he had been given. His career as a civil servant, mainly in the Treasury, had been a distinguished one and his spell with the Public Accounts Committee (where one of the chairmen he served under was Wilson) meant that he knew every nook and cranny of Whitehall.

To his credit, he brought to the job of Ombudsman, where he was expected to investigate weaknesses or failures of administration insofar as they had done injustice to individuals, the same searching mind and critical spirit that he had displayed in calling to book the accounting officers in the various Whitehall departments. By the time he retired at the age of 65 in 1971 he had established the credibility of the Ombudsman's post, winning particularly high marks for the way in which he approached his responsibilities in Northern Ireland, the province having been added to his grievance parish in 1969.

Edmund Gerald Compton was born in Chile. His father was in business there but returned to England to fight in the First World War, living afterwards near Rugby. It was natural, therefore, that his son should go to school at Rugby, passing in an unprecedentedly high place into the Upper School. At Oxford, where he was a scholar of New College, he took a first in Greats and shortly afterwards passed third into the Home Civil Service. After brief periods at the Ministry of Labour and the Colonial Office, he was transferred (as befitted a prospective high-flyer) to the Treasury. Within three years he was appointed private secretary to the then Financial Secretary, the turbulent and choleric Alfred Duff Cooper, an experience that was in some measure to prepare him for the even greater ordeal of being principal private secretary to Lord Beaverbrook.

He served the press magnate turned Cabinet minister first at the Ministry of Aircraft Production in 1940 and then at the Ministry of Supply in 1941. It says much for Compton's equable and versatile temperament that he was able to adapt to Beaverbrook's unorthodox methods of doing business as easily as he did. In retrospect he was always to look back on his "years of service to the Lord" as a stimulating and educative — though not always enjoyable — experience.

Returning to the Treasury in 1942 as an assistant secretary, with subsequent promotion to under-secretary in 1947 and third secretary in 1949, he spent most of his time in home finance, of which, after two years on the supply side and a short period in charge of liaison with the US Economic Mission, he was head for seven years. Here he was dealing with monetary control and policy, on which he became expert. Two important special duties fell to him. One was the primary responsibility for relations between the Treasury and the Bank of England. He fostered a close and harmonious relationship between Great George Street and Threadneedle Street, which helped him to reorganise and expand the provision of financial statistics. The other was the task of giving the main Treasury evidence to the Radcliffe Committee on the Monetary and Credit System. His evidence occupied six chapters of the printed minutes.

The mystery, since he stayed at the rank of third secretary for nine years, has always been why he did not rise higher in the Treasury. The short, though not necessarily the wrong, answer is that he would almost certainly have done so if a Labour Government had remained in power. He was particularly close to the three successive Labour Chancellors of 1945-51, Hugh Dalton, Sir Stafford Cripps and Hugh Gaitskell, and it may be that this led to his being treated with some reserve once Churchill and the Conservatives came back to office in 1951. As it was, when the invitation to become the next Auditor General was issued to him in 1958, it was fairly obviously intended to be an offer he could not refuse (though his former patron, Dalton, was not alone in thinking it an awful waste).

At least, the new job raised his public profile. His reports to the Public Accounts Committee were remarkably vigorous and readable, as well as being models of clarity, and they attracted a more than usual amount of public attention. He left a few government departments slightly red in the face, since he uncovered serious irregularities in the handling of several large and important government contracts, including the controversial "fixed price" Ferranti one with the Ministry of Aviation.

His final job as Parliamentary Commissioner may well have proved narrower in scope than he had at first anticipated, being limited by the legislation (on which Wilson had jumped the gun in announcing his appointment) to complaints against wrongful administration on the part of government departments, forwarded by the appropriate members of Parliament, and excluding the local authorities, the National Health Service, the armed forces and the police. Nevertheless, he made the most of it and in the early days handled one much-publicised case when he investigated the Foreign Office's refusal to pay compensation to 12 survivors of the Sachsenhausen concentration camp. He found against the Foreign Office and obliged it to reverse its decision and pay the victims compensation.

His success as the mainland Ombudsman led to his appointment also as Ombudsman for Northern Ireland and this, in turn, prompted his selection as chairman of an enquiry into alleged maltreatment of prisoners suspected of belonging to the IRA. He reported that the methods of interrogating prisoners, when they included a combination of hooding, continuous noise and enforced physical posture, amounted to "physical ill-treatment". This report led to compensation totalling some £150,000 being awarded to the prisoners concerned and to the appointment of another committee to consider what methods of interrogation might properly be used. It was also cited as major evidence by the Irish Republic's government when it brought a human rights case against the British Government in the European Court.

On his retirement in 1971 Compton was much in demand for various part-time public services. The most important of these was the chairmanship of the Local Government Boundary Commission, which he held from 1971 to 1978. Other tasks which he undertook included a report on the staffing and administration of the House of Commons, a report on medical services in the armed forces and the chairmanship of the BBC Complaints Commission, which office he occupied, 1972-81.

Alike in private and official life, Compton possessed a warm and friendly personality. Although physically small, he was a fair performer in athletic sports in his younger days. His interests were many, ranging from fly-fishing to reading (Greek and Latin as well as English) but his special passion was music. He was a competent violinist and a lifelong member of the Bach Choir. It was a great pleasure to him when he was elected chairman of the Royal Academy of Music after he had been a member of its governing body for 15 years and had been elected an honorary fellow. He was active in the Anglican Church and was for a period chairman of its Central Board of Finance, as well as holding the humbler post of churchwarden at his local Kensington church. He was also for several years chairman of the governing body of Rugby School. He was appointed KBE in 1955, KCB in 1965 and GCB in 1971.

He married in 1934 Betty Tresyllian Williams who shared his interest both in the Church and in music. They had a large family, four daughters and one son, all of whom were musical — they could, indeed, manage a very reasonable chamber-music concert between them in their Evelyn Gardens home. His wife died in 1987 and he is survived by their children.

SIR HENRY TATE

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Henry Tate, 4th Bt, DL, Master of the Cottesmore Hounds, died on March 11 aged 91. He was born in Bromborough, Cheshire, on June 19, 1902.

THE great-grandson of his namesake, the first baronet, who founded Henry Tate & Son (the forerunner of Tate & Lyle) in 1868, Henry Tate had no head for the family sugar business. Instead, after nearly eighty years still riding to hounds, he became a legend in the hunting world. Co-founder of the three-day event at Burghley and master, chairman and president of the Cottesmore — the hunt at which the Prince of Wales made his debut in the shires — Tate dedicated his life to his adopted county of Rutland.

His long association with the Cottesmore began in 1927 as an amateur huntsman. Tate was then stationed in London with his regiment, the Grenadier Guards, but stabled his horses at the Crown Hotel in Oakham High Street, and hunted with the Belvoir and the Cottesmore as often as he could. In 1932, having retired from the Army, he moved to the area permanently, living first at Launde Abbey, near Uppingham, and later Preston Lodge (which he built himself), near Oakham. Tate was master of the Cottesmore, 1946-58, later chairman and on his retirement its president, a post created for him. From the early 1950s the opening meet of the Cottesmore was always held at Preston Lodge, the woodlands behind Tate's house being considered superb coverts and invaluable assets in bad weather when the hounds could hunt them for hours.

Tate also became a figure in the eventing world after his friend the late Marquess of Exeter was asked, in 1960, if he would host a three-day event at Burghley. The Marquess agreed, but with one condition: that Tate should run the event as deputy president. At first there were ructions about the choice in the eventing world — Tate being considered an amateur — but Exeter insisted and eventually the condition was met, wisely as the outcome showed. Tate formed and directed a team which, over the years, ensured that Burghley stayed one of the top two three-day events.

In 1975 the Crown Equerry, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Miller, approached Tate and explained that the Prince of Wales, who had recently taken up the sport, wished to make his debut in the shires. It was typical of Tate to ensure that the Prince's first visit should be a friendly, low-key one to a small meet of the Cottesmore at his own home. Tate had often met the Prince's great-uncle — Edward VIII when he was still the Prince of Wales — at hunts in the 1920s.

Henry Tate was the son of Sir Ernest Tate, the third baronet. His early life was spent in North Wales where his family had an estate; his earliest hunting started there with the Flint and Denbigh, of which he claimed to be the oldest surviving member. Educated at Uppingham, his academic record was, in his own word, "atrocious". Later, when he was a governor of his old school, he delighted the boys by arriving in his full master's "rig" on horseback for early morning governors' meetings before trotting off to the meet.

Commissioned into the Grenadier Guards from Sandhurst, he joined his regiment in 1922. There he was one of the few officers to be wounded on non-active duty. On a severely cold winter day in 1928 on the parade ground at Wellington Barracks, his boots froze to the spot, causing him to trip on his spurs and break an ankle.

When his regiment was stationed at Aldershot, he managed to fit in hunting with the Leconfield in Sussex, and from Windsor he hunted with the Household Brigade Draghounds, and won point-to-points and National Hunt races. By the early 1930s, after his retirement from the Army, he turned fulltime to hunting, farming and shooting in Rutland. As the young master of Launde Abbey, he would sometimes be called upon to fill in for the local parson when he was absent by taking the chapel service: "Never preached but often read out a leader from *The Times*. Kept them on their toes."



Though Tate volunteered for the 8th Battalion of the Royal Welch Fusiliers (TA) during the Second World War, when he was promoted to lieutenant-colonel, he saw no active service abroad. But in the mid-1950s — on the pretext of the increasingly unstable political situation in Eastern Europe — he did succeed in re-establishing and commanding the 1st Battalion of the Rutland Home Guard. This he frequently deployed on night manoeuvres in order to unsettle poachers.

Tate had a thoughtful side to his nature which came out in his love of art. After succeeding his father in 1939 he researched into the circumstances of the establishment of the Tate Gallery in 1897 and unearthed the original correspondence between his family and two former Prime Ministers — the Marquess of Salisbury and the Earl of Rosebery — which led to his family's art collection being donated to the nation in 1890. He encouraged his wife Nairne, formerly a competent pianist, to take up painting after her fingers were crushed in a car door. And one of his prized possessions was an oil painting by his friend Edward Seago showing a stretch of the best Cottesmore country, now submerged by the huge reservoir of Rutland Water.

Tate sat on Rutland County Council, 1958-74 and was high sheriff, 1949-50, and deputy lieutenant, 1964. In the early 1960s, when the Local Government Commission for England tried to amalgamate England's smallest county into Leicestershire, Tate made sure that Rutland's crusade for continued independence was backed up by an effective public relations drive. But later, in 1974, when the two counties were joined, he bowed to the inevitable and urged Rutlanders to look forward. He continued to hunt until he was 78 when, crippled with arthritis, he was forced to stop. Even then he could be seen at meets on foot, supported by sticks.

He married Nairne Gregson-Ellis in 1927. Tate was devastated by her death in 1984, but married very happily again in 1988, Edna Stokes, who had for many years run the Rutland Agricultural Society. She survives him together with two sons from his first marriage. The eldest son, Henry Saxon Tate, formerly chairman of the London Futures and Options Exchange, becomes the fifth baronet.

NORTON MORLING

Norton Morling, industrialist, died on February 6 aged 84. He was born at Hunsdon, Hertfordshire, on February 13, 1909.



NORTON MORLING was a leader in the asbestos industry's efforts to resolve its health dangers and, later, a founder member of the Civil Aviation Authority and an industrial adviser to the National Economic Development Office.

As, successively, production then managing director and finally chairman of Turner Brothers Asbestos in Rochdale, the world's largest manufacturer of asbestos textiles, Morling worked hard to reduce the incidence in his workforce of asbestosis (the progressive clogging of the lung, similar to the miner's affliction, silicosis).

In 1952 he was one of the founders of the Asbestosis Research Council, a consortium of leading industry members which, in 1954, commissioned research from Dr John Beattie of Cambridge and Dr (later Sir) Richard Doll of the Medical Research Council, subsequently the well-known Oxford lung cancer statistician. Their work proved that the incidence of asbestosis had indeed been considerably reduced, but that the disease was also responsible for a second problem among the workforce: a greater propensity to lung cancer than in the general population.

From 1951 onwards Morling prepared the transfer of the manufacturing capacity of J. W. Roberts, an associate company situated in Leeds, to a new plant at Hindley Green. This transfer was part of his effort to improve working conditions, as well as to increase manufacturing efficiency. The Leeds plant was finally closed in 1959, before the confirmation in 1960 of a third asbestos-related health problem, mesothelioma (a rare cancer of the pleura). Turner Brothers Asbestos was the original operating company of Turner and Newall, the leading asbestos-based industrial conglomerate.

Norton Morling was the son of a successful tenant farmer at Hunsdon but, after his father's death in 1916, the family moved to Ware. Morling was head boy at Hertford Grammar School, and won a scholarship to St Catherine's Society, Oxford. In his first term he gave up history for economics, then starting its golden age at Cambridge. After he had attained a first in Part I of the Tripos, J. M. Keynes invited him to join the Political Economy Club. This met in Keynes's rooms in King's every Monday evening. Morling, who rowed for his college in his final year, slipped to a 2:1 in Part II of his finals. Then, after taking a Master of Commerce degree at Birmingham in 1930, he joined Turner and Newall in Rochdale as one of its first management trainees.

In early 1939 he was sent by Sir Samuel Turner to southern Africa, to report on T & N's asbestos mines. When war intervened, following a similar visit to Australia on behalf of the War Office, Morling had his reserved occupation status overruled and joined the RASC.

Posted in November 1942 to AFHQ in Algiers as a lieutenant, he served in the Petrol Directorate throughout the Italian campaign, being demobilised in 1945 as a lieutenant-colonel. After the war he returned to Turner and Newall and rose to become chairman of Turner Brothers Asbestos.

In 1960 Morling became chairman of Ferodo, another T & N subsidiary, opening up joint ventures in Spain, Italy, Germany, Australia and South Africa. He then became finance director of Turner & Newall in 1964, introducing budget controls and forward planning.

Following the appointment of a new chairman, Norton Morling left the T & N board in 1967 and was appointed an industrial adviser at the National Economic Development Office. There he set up "little Neddies" for the motor industry and for management education.

After joining the Air Transport Licensing Board in 1970, Morling became a founder member of the Civil Aviation Authority, established in 1971 and chaired by John (later Lord) Boyd-Carpenter. With Douglas Bader as a fellow member, Morling championed the efforts of Freddie Laker to open up the Atlantic routes to more competition.

From the time of his retirement in 1975, Norton Morling became active in the Conservative Party. Here he was unusual in being an energetic supporter of proportional representation. His concern was that no one in the party had adequately studied the effects of PR on a Conservative heartland, and that no clear choice had been made between the single transferable vote system (STV) and the additional member system (AMS). His study of the Hampshire constituencies showed that STV would bring greater proportionality than any other system, and was likely to cause only marginal losses of Conservative seats, which would be more than made up in Labour-held areas.

Norton Morling married Rachel Chapman of Johannesburg in 1942. She survives him, together with a daughter and a son.

TENGIZ ABULADZE

Tengiz Abuladze, Georgian film director, died on March 6 aged 70. He was born in Kutaisi, Georgia, on January 31, 1924.

TENGIZ ABULADZE was a director whose best-known film, *Repentance* (1984), became a symbol in the former Soviet Union for the political changes spearheaded by Mikhail Gorbachev.

Abuladze took as his scenario the effects on a small Georgian town of the death of their well-respected mayor — something of an amalgam of Stalin and Beria — whose atrocious crimes are only revealed to the trusting townspeople after his burial. Told in a series of nightmarish flashbacks, few Soviet films so epitomised the spirit of glasnost. The film was finally cleared for mass distribution two years after its completion.

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Educated at Chota Rustaveli Theatre Institute, Tbilisi, Georgia, Abuladze made his first film in 1953. His subsequent works, including *The Plea* (1968) and *The Wishing Tree* (1976), made him one of the better-known directors in the Soviet Union, though they did not travel well. In 1988 Abuladze was awarded the Lenin Prize. He was elected to the Soviet parliament in 1990 and served as a people's deputy until 1991.

IN THE the obituary of C. H. Rolph (March 12) it was incorrectly stated that he is survived by a daughter from his first marriage and a son and a daughter from his second. In fact, he leaves two daughters and a son from his second marriage, his daughter from his first marriage having predeceased him.

University news

Manchester

Appointment to chairs

Anthony E Crowley, at present Senior Lecturer in English in the University of Southampton, to be Professor of Modern English Literature.

Ian Roger Gough, Reader in Social Policy, to be Professor of Social Policy and Political Economy in the Department of Social Policy and Social Work.

John Victor Pickstone, Senior Lecturer in the History of Science, Technology and Medicine, and Director of the Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine, to be Professor of the History of Science, Technology and Medicine, from a date to be arranged.

Roger John Plymen, Reader in Mathematics, to be Professor of Pure Mathematics.

John Thomas Gallagher, Senior Lecturer in Oncology, to be Professor of Oncology, from March 1.

Osborn Bryan Eden, at present Professor of Paediatric Oncology at St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College, University of London, to be Cancer Research Campaign Professor of Paediatric Oncology.

Readerships

The following Senior Lecturers to be Readers in the subject named from March 1:

Dr A J Barson, Geriatric Pathology (in the Department of Pathological Sciences); Dr C Hilary Buckley, Pathological Sciences; Dr R J Cohen, Radio-Astronomy; Dr Gina M Conti-Ramsden, Education; Dr Patrick Joyce, History; Dr D M A Mann, Neuropathology; Dr Ruth C Matthews, Medical Microbiology (in the Department of Pathological Sciences); Dr P A Martin, Mathematics; Dr Valerie E Newton, Audiological Medicine (in the Department of Educational Studies); Dr W E R Ollier, Immunogenetics (in the Departments of Pathological Sciences and of Public Health and Epidemiology); Dr C P Sibley, Child Health and Physiology; Dr T N Stevenson, Engineering; Dr Geoffrey Thornton, Chemistry; Dr J C Whitehead, Chemistry; Dr G R Wickham, Mathematics.

Dr C J Stirling, Lecturer in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, to be Reader in that subject in the Department of Biological Sciences, from October 1.

Senior Lecturerships

The following Lecturers to be Senior Lecturers from October 1:

Dr D Yvonne Aplin, Education of the Deaf (Department of Educational Studies); Dr D J Axon, Radio-Astronomy; Dr G J Brooke, Biblical Studies (Department of Religions and Theology); Q L Burrell, Mathematical Statistics; Dr Deborah A Cherry, History of Art; Dr P E Clayton, Child Health; Dr J D Clemens, Geology; Dr David Collison, Chemistry; Dr R J Davis, Radio-Astronomy; Dr J S Gaffar, Mathematics; Dr L A Gifford, Pharmacy; Dr R K Grencis, Immunology (Department of Biological Sciences); Dr Elspeth A Guthrie, Psychiatry; Kenneth Hardman, Physical Education; Beverley J Hughes, Social Work; Dr G D Lafferty, Physics; Dr C B McCully, English Language and Literature; Dr A J Masters, Chemistry; Dr C M Merrifield, Civil Engineering; Dr Simon Miller, Sociology; Dr S R Parker, German; M N Schmidt, Poetry (Department of English Language and Literature and in the Manchester Poetry Centre); Dr John Smart, Engineering Management (Department of Engineering); Dr J F Weiner, Social Anthropology; R J West, Teaching of English Overseas (Department of Educational Studies).

The following Honorary Clinical Lecturers to be Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer from March 1:

Dr M Z Mughal, Child Health; Dr A K Webb, Medicine.

The following Honorary Associate Lecturers to be Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturers from March 1: Dr K W Bridges, Psychiatry; Dr R M Davies, Preventative Dentistry (in the Department of Oral Health and Development); Dr T L Dornan, Medicine.

Mr P T Farrell, Temporary Tutor, to be Senior Tutor in Educational Studies, from October 1.

Dr M R Hicks, Staff Tutor, to be Senior Staff Tutor in the Department of Extra-Mural Studies, from October 1.

Mr T A Henry, Honorary Lecturer, to be Honorary Senior Lecturer in Engineering, from October 1.

Appointments

Lecturer in Physics: T R Wyatt.

Administrative Assistant in the Finance Department: Lucy V Crompton, B A McCaul.

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

THE COLLIERY DISASTER IN FRANCE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

PARIS, MARCH 13

The most striking news from the scene of the mining disaster at Courrières is the favourable impression made by the method and the devotion shown by a German fire brigade which came spontaneously to offer assistance. The Havas Agency says it is affirmed that the men have come at the suggestion of William II. They are a special body organised by the Hibernia Mine, in Westphalia, which is very subject to fires. Their first descent into the mine, whither they were preceded by a French search party accompanied by French engineers, took place about 5 o'clock last evening, and they only ceased their work, which they undertook in relays, at 4.30 this morning. They recovered in all 25 bodies, which were in an advanced state of decomposition, at the same time covering with lime the carcases of the horses over which they had to climb in their work. The total number of bodies brought to the surface up to this morning was 68.

ON THIS DAY

March 14 1906

Twelve hundred men lost their lives in this appalling mining disaster at Courrières.

The Philippines (now a republic) were ceded to the USA by Spain in 1898.

To-day's papers are full of heartrending descriptions of the identification of the victims by their wives and families, an identification which was extremely difficult owing to the terrible mutilation of the charred and crushed bodies. All accounts agree as to the state of nervous excitement which prevails among the population and which had given rise to certain apprehensions as to disturbances at the public funeral which was yesterday decided upon by the Prefect and the local mayors. Thus far, however, no disturbances are reported to have taken place at this ceremony, which was attended by the Bishop of Arras, who delivered a sermon and read a telegram of condolence from the Pope, as well as by M. Dubief, Minister of the Interior, and a number of other official personages. After some speeches by the latter, including M. Dubief, who promised that the families of the victims would not be left without assistance, a Socialist Deputy attacked the mining company. A still more violent speech was delivered, after the departure of the official personages, by a working-class delegate, whose remarks were greeted with cries of "Down with capital!" "Down with the assassins!"

THE AMERICAN VICTORY IN THE PHILIPPINES

MANILA, MARCH 13

General Wood, replying to Mr Taft's inquiry for an explanation as to the alleged deaths of women and children in the battle of Dajo Hill, states that there was no wanton destruction of women and children. Many of them were killed because the Moros used them as shields in the hand-to-hand fighting and because many of the women, clad in male attire, were fighting desperately, so that it was impossible to distinguish sex.

Two and a half million Britons have speech and language difficulties. This special report on a week-long campaign to help them is by **Widget Finn**

When words are not enough

The SpeakWatch campaign, which starts today, aims to encourage wider understanding of the 2.5 million Britons with speech and language difficulties, particularly the children. The campaign, sponsored by BT, has been initiated by the College of Speech and Language Therapists and the Association of Speech and Language Therapy Managers.

Shirley Davis, professional director of the College of Speech and Language Therapists, says: "Speech and language difficulties are the most common of all preschool problems. When spotted early, they can be alleviated or overcome altogether. But if nothing is done, a child's progress in school can be severely affected.

"Parents, doctors and health visitors play a vital role in the early detection of these problems. Through the SpeakWatch campaign, we hope to make these people more aware of the signs that a baby or small child may need some professional help."

At eight months, Joshua McGuire was saying words such as balloon and baby. By two years, his speech had become unintelligible to anyone except Lynn, his mother. Health visitors told her that he was just reacting to his new baby sister and would grow out of it.

At nursery school, Joshua was hyperactive and teased by the other children, who asked whether he was Scottish because they could not understand him. He made little progress at primary school: at seven, he was unable to write his name, and when speaking used the wrong words or put them in the wrong order.

Joshua joined a language unit attached to his school at High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, and within a few months could make himself understood. His difficult behaviour disappeared. Now Joshua is well adjusted and reads enthusiastically. His mother describes the transformation within a year as "phenomenal".

One child in eight starts school with a speech or language difficulty, which can affect his learning ability and social life. Many of the problems are preventable; others can be treated, particularly if they are detected at an early stage.

Speech and language difficulties in children have several causes but, because the rate at which we learn to speak varies widely, they are not always easily identified. Some problems are hereditary, others are caused by a head injury or are due to non-specific reasons.

> "Parents, doctors and health visitors play a vital role in the early detection of these problems"

Children can have an obvious defect, such as a cleft palate, or mental disabilities, such as cerebral palsy or Down's Syndrome, which will affect their understanding and speech. Children frequently have a hearing problem — "glue ear" is the most common — which will affect their progress in talking.

Other children may have no apparent physical or neurological disorder and yet find it difficult to communicate. A child with a specific language disorder, whose his brain cannot decipher the symbols for speech and language, may still have hearing and intelligence within the normal range.

Almost all speech and language difficulties can be helped with therapy, so the earlier they are diagnosed the better, says Dr Pam Enderby, director of speech and language therapy research at Frenchay Hospital, in Bristol. "Therapy can begin at around the age of two or earlier," she says. "But it is vital to have specialist diagnosis to establish whether a child's delayed development is caused by a learning or hearing problem. Often the mother — particularly one with a first child — doesn't know what is 'normal' development and will not realise that she may need professional advice."

The SpeakWatch campaign is targeting new mothers by distributing leaflets at clinics, playgroups and doctors' surgeries. The leaflets explain speech and language difficulties and suggest ways in which parents can help their children in learning to talk.

Children and their teachers also need to understand people's communication problems, says Mrs Davis. The SpeakWatch campaign has distributed a special project pack linked to the curriculum to more than 8,000 schools. It includes a Tell a joke for SpeakWatch competition, inviting children to send in their five funniest jokes.

Special events during the week are being organised throughout the country. In west Berkshire, therapists are holding story sessions in ten main libraries, and a competition and questionnaire aimed at parents will be available at doctors' surgeries in the area.

Coventry City football players are having their mouths taped up for a silence competition, and the Theatre Royal in Newcastle-upon-Tyne is inviting children with special needs to a language workshop. Dawn House School, in Nottingham, is organising a helpline with Radio Nottingham, and Greenwich schools are holding a competition to design a communications aid.

"We take talking so much for granted," says Mrs Davis. "SpeakWatch Week reminds us to consider those who can't easily make themselves understood."

TONY STONE



All members of the family can give encouragement to a child, particularly with books, an important part of learning to speak

'He's using language instead of his fists'

Recognising slow speech development is the first step to curing the problems

Mothers often dread that question from a well-meaning busybody at the clinic or supermarket: "Isn't he speaking (or crawling or walking) yet?" It is an excuse to boast about their own child. But it can sow seeds of doubt in a mother's mind.

What should you look for if you suspect that your child's speech development is slow? The rate at which children develop language varies widely but usually children are using simple words at the age of two years, forming simple sentences at three and using understandable speech by four.

At the age of three only Jason Hood's mother could understand what he was saying, but Anita Hood did not realise anything was wrong. "I thought the way he spoke was normal for children of his age. He had a lot of ear and throat infections. Then the consultant who took out his tonsils asked if he was having speech therapy."

"Jason mispronounced words, like 'du' for shoe and 'dirl' for girl. He got very angry when people didn't understand him and other children made fun of him."

Last September Jason started speech and language therapy at his local hospital, concentrating on one sound at a time. "He's learning to use language instead of his fists," says Mrs Hood.

Language-impaired children, like Jason, get frustrated because they cannot make people understand them. They try to get attention through noisy or difficult behaviour, or go to the opposite extreme and become withdrawn. These children may be hyperactive and have a short attention span, says Brian Jones, chief executive of I Can, a charity which provides services for children with speech and language impairments.

"In some cases they are unable to recognise rhyming words, or distinguish between words which sound similar," says Mr Jones. "They may not connect meaning with particular sounds, using 'dog' to describe all four-legged animals or one particular breed. At school they will have reading problems." Although these children may apparently speak well, concepts such as love or time are beyond their grasp. They use words literally: if asked "Can you move your case?" will reply "Yes" without understanding the implication. Other language-impaired children have problems putting words in sequence, saying: "Tea I would like some." Often they use two-word sentences long after babyhood.

If you are worried about your child's progress in talking, discuss your concerns with your health visitor or doctor. Norma Corkish, director of the Association for All Speech Impaired Children (Afasic), advises: "Gather lots of detail about what your child can and cannot do. Observe what he is picking up or copying, what sounds he can vocalise. Note positive things as well as the negative."

● *I Can 071-253 9111; Afasic 071-236 3632*

We are very pleased to be able to sponsor this initiative to raise public awareness of speech and language problems.

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Slow but sure progress for the children others laugh at

Stammerers from all over Britain are helped at a pioneering centre

The film *A Fish called Wanda* was more than a box-office success. It had an unforeseen spin-off which changed the lives of children like Peter Corall.

In the film, Michael Palin played a character who, like Palin's father, had a bad stammer. Controversy over the portrayal drew attention to a speech impediment which is often a source of entertainment or embarrassment to onlookers. Because of his personal interest, Michael Palin lent his name to the UK's first specialist centre for stammering children, which opened in 1991.

Peter Corrall was four when his parents brought him to the Michael Palin Centre for Stammering Children, to be assessed. He was intelligent and had a wide vocabulary, but his speech could not keep up with his thoughts. He would either dry up completely — called blocking — or drag out a word.

The centre often uses video to film a family informally together, which can give clues to the cause and treatment of a speech or language problem. Shots of the Corrall family showed Peter and his two-year-old sister Mandy, an extrovert character, competing for their parents' attention by constantly interrupting one another.

Maria and Douglas Corrall were advised to slow down their own often rapid speech, and simplify their language when speaking to Peter. They put aside five minutes every day for "talking time" with Peter, and he was given special privileges like a later bedtime so that he could have his parents' full attention without interruptions from Mandy. After six weekly treatment sessions at the Stammering Centre, Peter was talking fluently.

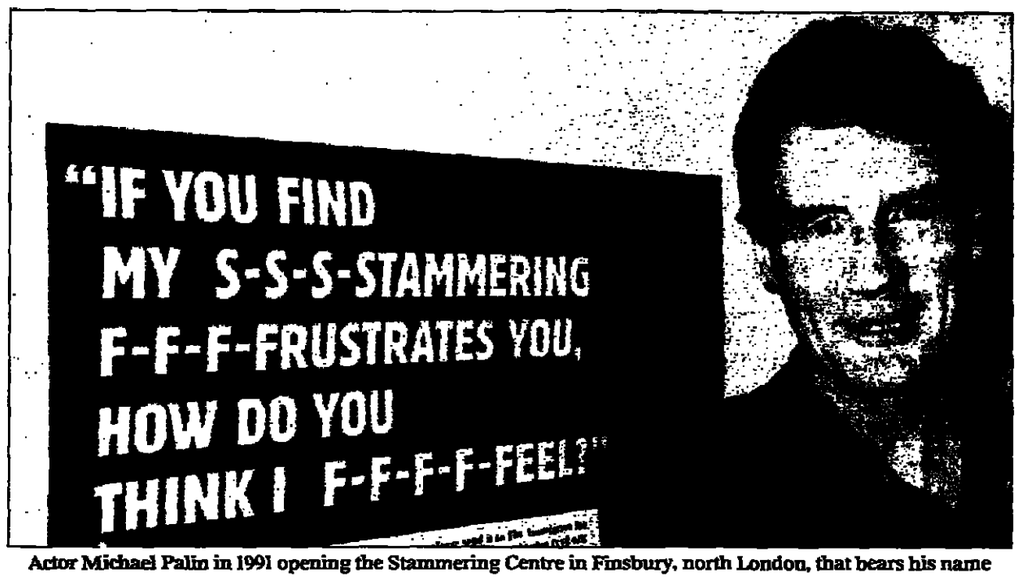
One person in a hundred has a stammer that causes anxiety and destroys self-confidence. Stammerers are ridiculed and dismissed as stupid, and become isolated.

The Michael Palin Centre for Stammering Children, based at the Finsbury Health Centre in London, was established by the Association for Research into Stammering in Childhood and the local NHS trust. Children are referred for assessment from all over the country, but limited resources mean the centre is able to assess just five a week, says its chief therapist, Robert Spence. Even locally there is sometimes a long waiting list to see a therapist. In the meantime there are practical ways to help.

Be patient, advises Mr Spence, and listen carefully to your child, concentrating on what he says, not how. Slow down your own rate of talking, because children will copy you. Ask fewer questions, and give him time to answer. Never finish a sentence for a stammerer, and do not let him interrupt — or be interrupted.

The Association for Stammerers is launching a parents' helpline in SpeakWatch Week, giving information on specialist speech therapy, useful books, leaflets and tapes.

● *Parents' Helpline (from March 16), 081-981 8818; The Michael Palin Centre for Stammering Children, 071-837 0031.*



Actor Michael Palin in 1991 opening the Stammering Centre in Finsbury, north London, that bears his name

I came, I heard, I learnt

Should children with impaired speech or language go to normal schools or specialist units?

Michael looks forward to his PE classes at the local comprehensive school. He goes there each week with other pupils from Dawn House School in Nottinghamshire to prepare them for life in mainstream education. Dawn House is run by I CAN, the charity which provides special education services for children with speech and language impairments.

Many children with speech and language disorders overcome their difficulties by the time they reach school age but some continue to need help. These children are assessed by professionals including a speech therapist and an educational psychologist who issue a "statement" that the child has special educational needs.

At this stage professional opinion divides between the experts who favour integrating a child into a normal class where they receive extra attention, and those who advocate taking a child into a special school or unit.

> "In a unit there are three adults to a class of six children"

Ideally both options would be available to suit individual children. In practice the shortage of speech and language therapists and the debate as to whether financial responsibility lies with education or health authorities means that choice is a luxury unavailable for most parents.

Educational provision for children with speech and language disorders is patchy. Most health districts have a speech and language unit attached to a mainstream school but there is no statutory provision. The units, with a maximum of 20 places for children with normal intellectual development, can only meet a fraction of the need.

In local authority schools there is little provision at secondary level even for those with moderate language impairment. At 11 a child who has been "statemented" will probably have to be sent to a special boarding school outside the county.

There are around 16 independent boarding schools for children with specific speech and language disorders. Dawn House has 112 pupils aged between five and sixteen whose fees are met by their local education authority.

A specialist school with concentrated resources can produce dramatic results, claims Andrew Large, the headmaster. "Each class group of six children has a full-time teacher, assistant and therapist working as a team," he says. "With concentrated expert teaching our children make encouraging progress, and wherever possible we prepare them to move back into mainstream education."

There are important benefits in having a speech and language unit attached to a mainstream school, says Sue Canvin, senior specialist speech and language therapist at Winchcombe School unit in Newbury.

The unit has 12 children aged between four and seven with a variety of severe speech and language problems which cannot be catered for in the local health clinic or hospital.

"Potentially the children are normal, and it is important for them to develop social relationships and pick up normal speech patterns from their friends," explains Ms Canvin. "I worked in a unit in London which was isolated, but here the children join in the school's ordinary nursery activities like storytime, PE and cooking which they would miss out on in a separate unit."

● *Dawn House School, Rainworth, Nottinghamshire is holding an open day on March 18 as part of the Speakwatch campaign.*



In an expert's hands: speech therapist Michelle Parker at the I CAN Language Nursery

TIPS ON HOW TO HELP A CHILD

The best way to teach your child to talk is by talking to him or her — and having fun. Fun and Games, a BT SpeakWatch leaflet, offers tips:

- Talk to your child when you play together.
- Have fun with nursery rhymes and songs, adding actions wherever possible.
- Encourage your child to listen to different sounds, such as those of planes, animals, the postman.
- Gain your child's attention when you want to talk together.
- Encourage your child to communicate in any way, not just through words.
- Increase his vocabulary by giving choices, such as "Do you want orange or blackcurrant?"
- Talk about things as they happen ... unpacking the shopping, having a bath.
- Listen carefully and give your child time to finish. Take turns to speak.
- Help the child to use more words by adding to what is said: "ball" can be expanded to "throw the ball".
- If your child says something incorrectly, say it back the right way. Do not make your child repeat it.
- Try to reserve time with your child each day to play with toys and picture books.

Help to break the silence

An NHS speech therapist describes her rewarding career

A speech and language therapist who works with children has to build up a partnership with their parents, says Avril Nicholl, a therapist with Grampian Healthcare NHS Trust.

"Parents are crucial to a child's progress," Mrs Nicholl says. "We have to help them to understand their child's problems and work as a team to overcome his or her difficulties. Often a parent needs encouragement to carry on the therapy at home."

Educating other professionals in identifying speech and language disorders is also an important role for the therapist. Mrs Nicholl has given talks about speech and language disorders to pre-school playgroups, nursery teachers and branches of the National Childbirth Trust.

"We depend on health visitors and doctors to ask the right questions if a parent expresses concern about a child's ability to speak," she explains. "And playgroup leaders need to be alert to signs of language difficulties."

Mrs Nicholl, who qualified as a speech and language therapist five years ago, chose the career because, she says, "I talk so much myself that I wanted to help people who could not". An empathy with people who have frustration in expressing themselves is essential in this field, agrees Jayne Comins, information officer at the College of Speech and Language Therapists.

Courses to qualify as a speech and language therapist usually require a mixture of three science and arts subjects at A level. The four-year BSc course includes psychology, phonetics and linguistics, anatomy and physiology. Newly qualified therapists usually work for the NHS in community clinics, hospitals or language units, starting on a salary around £12,000. An established therapist will earn about £19,000, while those who specialise or move on to the management side through the Association of Speech and Language Therapy Managers can earn up to £30,000.

Mrs Nicholl divides her working week between a health clinic and hospital at Stonehaven near Aberdeen. She describes a typical working day, starting with a session with Polly at the health centre.

"Polly is a lively four-year-old who talks in good sentences with muddled sounds, which is typical of a child with phonological disorder," says Mrs Nicholl. "Children like Polly have difficulty in connecting words, so I suggested to her mother that they should sing nursery rhymes and play word-games together for a few minutes each day.

"During the morning I had a discussion with an educational psychologist about some children whom we are both seeing. Children function in so many different environments — the home, school, park, with grandparents and other members of the family — and therapy has to take account of how their speech problem affects them in different situations.

"The educational psychologist will be assessing the best environment and teaching strategies for a particular child, so it's important that we pool our knowledge and discuss the best options together.

"Over lunch I had a meeting with GPs from a local fundholding practice. I've only been in this post for three months so I was there to introduce myself and explain the way I work. GPs are major purchasers of our service and it is vital for them to understand what I am trying to do, and to tell me what information they need for referring their patients to me.

"William, who's two, has been attending the clinic for three months. He was only using single words when his mother first brought him and she was worried about his physical agressiveness towards his elder sister. I explained to his mum that he gets frustrated because he knows what he wants to say but cannot express it in words. Showing him how to put two words together — 'William's cup' when he just says 'cup' — will help him to start piecing a sentence together.

"Jamie, aged six, came for an assessment at the clinic. He wasn't talking when he started therapy at two, but he is now doing very well in primary school. He still only uses one consonant where there are two together — 'back' for 'black' and 'poon' for 'spoon' — but I had to tell his mother that he would not get priority for treatment as it isn't affecting his school work or causing social problems.

"At the end of the day I spent an hour doing monthly statistics and writing up the notes I had made during the clinical sessions. They bring home to me the progress these children can make, often in the space of a few weeks, with the help of their family and a speech and language therapist."

● *Career details from: College of Speech and Language Therapists (071-613 3855); Association of Speech and Language Therapy Managers, 37a Market Place, Cirencester GL7 2NX.*

Computer aid, at a price

In the Mathsblaster computer program a face smiles when the child gets a sum right. Full marks launch a rocket into the stratosphere.

Children with speech problems get discouraged in the classroom and ingenious ways have to be found to make them feel successful, according to Peter Coker, whose pupils at the Warren Wood language unit in Rochester have been test-running software.

No software is designed specifically for children with speech and language problems but Mr Coker found some mainstream learning packs appropriate for his children.

"Kid Works, a program which enables pupils to create and illustrate their own stories, has a bank of pictures with associated words, so that our children can 'look up' a word without having to ask the teacher," he says.

The unit attached to Warren Wood primary school has 30 children and two computers. Information technology can be a great teaching asset, says Mr Coker, but there is never enough time to train teachers, or the money to install it.

A Kid Works pack costs under £50. Software for people with severe speech and language difficulties has a bigger price tag.

Canon's Communicator, at £1,000, is a device that prints out a message. A simple speech synthesiser, at under £2,000, is a tape recorder with a human voice that can be programmed with a particular vocabulary. More sophisticated packages start at £5,000.

"Even such advanced technology doesn't allow spontaneous speech" warns Nicola Jolleff, therapist at the Wolfson Centre. Responses still have to be programmed.

The Wolfson Centre in London is among several centres where people with severe disorders can get advice on technology suited to their needs.

● *Kid Works, ABLAC Learning Works (0626 332233); Canon Communicator (081-773 2182)*

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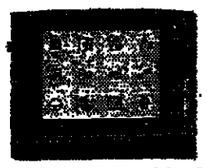
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NEWS

Heathrow tanks ruled out

■ The Government refused yesterday to hand the IRA the propaganda coup of putting tanks around Heathrow despite a third terrorist mortar strike on the airport in less a week.

After advice from Scotland Yard and urgent consultations in Whitehall, ministers decided against military intervention. They accepted only Scotland Yard's requests for a score of army explosives experts ..... Pages 1, 2, 3, 14, 15

Chief of Defence Staff resigns

■ The Chief of the Defence Staff resigned last night over an affair with the ex-wife of a Conservative former navy minister. Sir Peter Harding left his post after an exchange of letters with Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary. Sir Peter said he had not acted "in a manner that befits the holder of the post of Chief of the Defence Staff" ..... Pages 1, 10

Hillary's defence

Hillary Clinton has broken her silence on Whitewater to acknowledge that she made mistakes. But she insists she and the President never intended to do anything wrong ..... Pages 1, 8

Poor law penalty

Barristers who provide a shoddy service could be ordered to pay compensation under a reorganisation of the Bar's complaints machinery to be proposed next month ..... Page 7

Violence worsens

As Pretoria took direct control of Bophuthatswana after the murder of three white extreme right-wingers last week, violence erupted at Umzali, near Durban ..... Pages 1, 10

UN success

For the first time since June last year the United Nations has managed to get observers inside the besieged mainly Muslim pocket of Maglaj in Bosnia ..... Page 11

Women's day

There were prayers for unity at the first Communion services celebrated legally by Church of England women priests ..... Pages 1, 5

Jewish protest

Militant Jews who openly applaud the Hebron mosque massacre declared a legal challenge against a sweeping new government ban on the two main extremist groups, Kach and Kahane Lives ..... Page 10

Easy victory

A city technology soccer team is poised to win a cup competition without kicking a ball — rival sides have refused to play them because they are considered to be elitist ..... Page 5

Falling flat

In an attempt to show she is still worthy of adoration, figure skater Nancy Kerrigan hosted a TV show and told a string of jokes, most of which fell flat ..... Page 8

TV blamed

Modern child-rearing methods, hi-tech toys and over-exposure to television are blamed for a sharp rise in the number of young children with speech defects .... Page 5

Italian turmoil

Fausto Bertinotti, the Communist Refoundation leader, is embarrassing his coalition allies in the Italian election campaign by promising to abolish Nato and halt privatisation ..... Page 9

Clarke's ambition

John Major acknowledged the ambitions of Kenneth Clarke in remarks suggesting impatience at the way Cabinet colleagues have allowed speculation about his future ..... Page 6

Voters desert Kohl

Helmut Kohl's Christian Democratic Party braced itself for a humiliating defeat in the Lower Saxony state polls ..... Page 9

I still believe in Nessie, says expert

■ The discovery that the most famous picture of the Loch Ness monster was a hoax has not damaged the faith of Adrian Shine, leader of the Loch Ness and Morar Project. He said: "Eyewitness acounts still suggest that there is something powerful in the loch. This latest story has come as no surprise, and in many ways it will make our work easier" ..... Page 7



ROBIN MAYES

Three boys from Finchley, north London, browse through the designs of José Martin at the Jewish Book Fair in London

BUSINESS

Jobs summit: President Clinton will propose a new international plan for job creation today at the Group of Seven unemployment summit in Detroit ..... Pages 38, 40

Toying with a float: Regent Street toy shop Hamleys is to float on the London stock exchange next month at an estimated value of £40 million ..... Page 40

Mirror moves: Today's *Daily Mirror* is the first to be produced from its new offices in Canary Wharf in a week when Mirror Group will lift its profits and may also win approval for its consortium bid for *The Independent* ..... Page 40

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Rugby union: Dean Richards, out for eight weeks because of an elbow injury, was recalled to the England team for the five nations' game against Wales ..... Page 23

Football: Chelsea beat Wolverhampton 1-0 to qualify for the semi-final of the FA Cup and will meet either West Ham or Luton. Manchester United, the favourites, will play Oldham ..... Page 23

Athletics: Dalton Grant, Du'aine Ladejo and David Strang each won gold medals to help to turn the British team into the most successful to compete at the European indoor championships ..... Page 25

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Going Wilde: "Students were competing to see who could stretch out the word *Sumka* (a handbag) the longest." Anne McElvoy on a theatrical hit in Moscow: *The Importance of Being Earnest* ..... Page 12

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Shaky start: Corin Redgrave is to be applauded for setting up a new theatre company with his sister Vanessa. Unfortunately he chose the wrong play ..... Page 32

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Warren Christopher, US Secretary of State, was bitterly criticised by businessmen in Peking over the linking of trade with human rights Page 8



The Rev Jane Howard, one of the first Church of England women priests, at St Mary the Virgin, Redcliffe, Bristol, yesterday Pages 1, 5



Paddy Ashdown told the Liberal Democrats' spring conference that education will be the cornerstone of the party's policy Page 6

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Judgment on 'no-win, no-fee'

■ Could the introduction of 'no-win no-fee' cases weaken the integrity of barristers in Britain? Frances Gibb reports

They're off at Cheltenham

■ Cheltenham, the highlight of the National Hunt horse racing calendar, comes under starter's orders tomorrow. Jamie Osborne sets the scene

The Americans are coming

■ The love affair between the Academy Awards and British thespians may be over: why we will be the bridesmaids at next month's Oscars

THINGS

Some Liked It Hot: Looking at evolution, especially the differences between man and ape. *Horizon* (BBC2, 9pm) ..... Page 30

Security first

The call for the reintroduction of selective internment is gaining momentum in response to the latest round of IRA attacks. If the Government is to resist such calls, it must soon produce a strategy better than its increasingly irrelevant Joint Declaration ..... Page 15

Rao's agenda

Fiscal and monetary reform, the lifting of many restrictions on foreign investment and the end of the "licence Raj" signalled to the world that the sacred cow of dirigiste economics had been returned to its corral. But the route to economic salvation is a long one ..... Page 15

COLUMNS

CONOR CRUISE O'BRIEN

Mr Major and Mr Reynolds must know by now that they have been conned by the IRA, via Gerry Adams working through John Hume, whom I prefer to regard as Adams's dupe ..... Page 14

MATTHEW PARRIS

In practice and in the last resort, our monarch's sovereignty over any overseas realm, either as part of her British realm or separately, is a matter for the British people. And it is time we dropped Australia before it drops us ..... Page 14

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Sir Edmund Compton, Britain's first "ombudsman"; **Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Henry Tate**, Master of the Cottesmore Hounds .... Page 17

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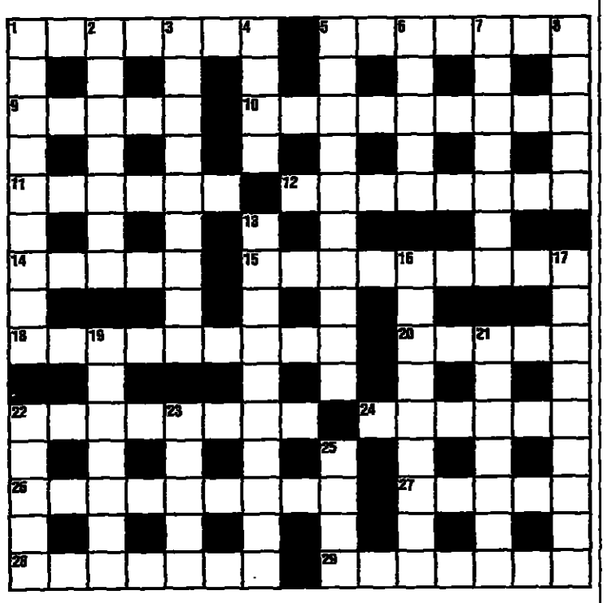
Bringing Eastern countries into the European Union will be expensive for the richer countries but it can also make all of Europe safer

— The Washington Post

North Korea's economy is in disarray. A firm commitment from Mr Clinton could produce a broad diplomatic bargain that just might work, allowing Pyongyang to extract itself from a nuclear dead end

— The New York Times

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,489



ACROSS

1 Device throwing some light on the Flood, say (3,4).
5 New type of rocket engine needs balancing (7).
9 Show discipline (5).
10 Scorer gets wet moving to City end (9).
11 Bishops in control after collapse of House (6).
12 Evidence that the deal is not perfect (4-4).
14 Housemaids put it on in front of a curtain (5).
15 Student I scolded had stolen (9).
18 In any case it's how a palindrome works (9).
20 Part of the glib senator taken by dramatist (5).
22 Worship money (8).
24 Incline to deliver ball round wicket (6).
26 Influential follower such as Selene (9).
27 He's in race with a foreign character (5).
28 Learnt the third movement with lasting result (7).
29 Arrange in order to be sheriff (7).

DOWN

1 Heatedly dispute sound advice to Petruchio? (9).
2 House cleaner receives award (7).
3 Tree — one gentlemen prefer. Fair enough! (3-6).
4 Pledge of peace reported (4).
5 Minor agents like the Baker Street Irregulars (6-4).
6 The English opening used in tournament (5).
7 Opening anthem — first acquaintance with it (7).
8 Firs, say, with yellow flowers? (5).
13 Rose featured in Pygmalion (6-4).
16 Mercy from heaven according to Portia (4-5).
17 A clan held reels here (5-4).
19 One of the board's supporters (7).
21 South Indian church is a scream (7).
22 Smack, bite and nip (5).
23 Find room in closed car omitting nothing (5).
25 An expression that may carry some weight (4).

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KNOCKANDO

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,488 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a stationery rack

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 11C (52F); lowest day max: Spaldeadern, Cumbria, 4C (39F); highest rainfall: Falmouth, Cornwall, 0.33in; highest sunshine: Southend, Essex, 7.8hr.

FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will be cloudy for much of the time. Northern England and North Wales will have rain in the morning, but it will turn drier and brighter in the afternoon. Central and southern England and South Wales will have a little *morning drizzle. The weather should* then brighten up for a while, but there will be *more rain or drizzle later on.*

Scotland and Northern Ireland will *have a wet morning with some heavy* rain. In the afternoon, skies will clear *with some sunshine. There will be* showers as well, especially in northern Scotland, *with snow on the hills.* Temperatures will be above average, *but it will be windy with gales in many* places.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands:** A little rain or drizzle early and late, bright spells. Wind strong, westerly. Fairly mild, max 12C (54F).

☐ **E England, Central N, NE England:** Rain or drizzle for a time, brightening up in the afternoon. Wind strong to gale, westerly. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:** Cloudy, rain or drizzle at *times. Wind strong to gale, westerly.* Max 11C (52F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, N Ireland:** Rain until early afternoon, then brighter with a few showers. Wind strong to gale, westerly. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen:** Rain in the morning, turning mainly dry and sunny. Wind gale force, westerly. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** Rain in the *morning, some heavy, then brighter* and colder with wintry showers. Wind *gale force, westerly.* Max 8C (46F).

☐ **Outlook:** Turning colder everywhere, with some sunshine, but sleet or snow showers in many places.

AROUND BRITAIN

MIDDAY t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	4.9	-	8	46	s	London	4.5	-	10	50	b
Anglesey	0.1	0.17	8	46	r	Lowestoft	5.4	0.01	9	48	s
Aspatria	2.1	0.19	6	43	r	Manchester	3.6	0.03	7	45	sh
Aviemore	3.2	0.19	4	39	sn	Margate	7.2	-	11	52	b
Belfast	0.6	0.06	7	45	r	Minehead	3.8	0.14	9	48	r
Birmingham	3.1	0.06	8	46	r	Morecambe	2.5	0.11	7	45	r
Bognor R	5.0	0.01	10	50	b	Newcastle	2.8	0.01	8	46	b
Bournem'th	3.6	0.01	10	50	b	Norwich	5.0	-	9	48	b
Bristol	4.1	0.04	9	48	sh	Nottingham	3.5	0.02	8	46	r
Buxton	3.4	0.16	5	41	r	Penzance	3.1	0.17	10	50	r
Cardiff	2.9	0.06	9	48	sh	Plymouth	1.4	0.06	9	48	sh
Clacton	5.8	-	10	50	b	Poole	2.7	-	11	52	s
Cleethorpes	X					Ross-o-wye	4.0	0.03	9	48	s
Colwyn Bay	1.1	0.03	8	46	r	Ryde	X				
Cromer	3.7	0.03	9	48	b	Salcombe	3.5	0.05	11	52	sh
Dunbar	X					Sandown	3.7	0.01	10	50	s
Eastbourne	5.8	-	9	48	b	Sandth Snd	0.1	0.04	9	48	c
Edinburgh	3.9	0.02	7	45	r	Scarboro'	3.7	-	7	45	s
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Isle of Man	-	0.02	7	45	r	Tiree	-	0.24	7	45	r
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Kinloss	5.1	-	7	45	s	Tynemouth	3.3	0.06	8	46	c
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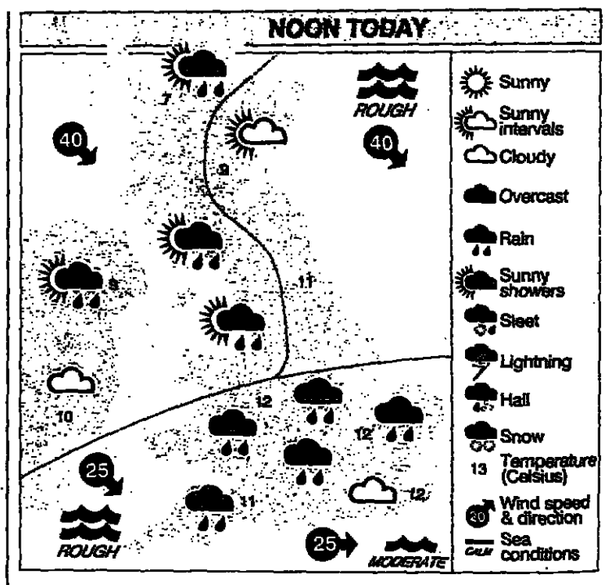
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Berlin	7	45	c	Innsbruck	11	52	s	Naples	14	57	c
Bermuda	18	64	f	Istanbul	7	45	f	N Delhi	28	82	s
Biarritz	10	50	c	Jeddah	25	77	s	N York	4	39	s
Borde'x	13	55	c	Jo'burg	24	75	f	Nice	15	59	s
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B Aires	32	90	s	Le Tquet	10	50	f	Peking	5	41	s
Cairo	17	63	f	Lisbon	16	61	s	Perth	32	90	s
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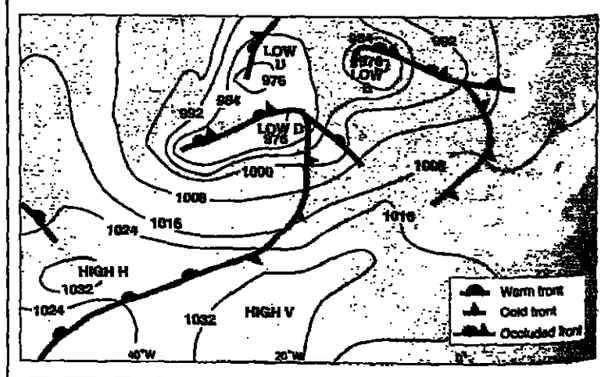
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Tangier	19	66	c	Tenerife	12	54	d	Wash'ton	8	46	s
Tel Aviv	12	54	s	Toronto	2	36	f	Wel'ngton	20	68	f
Tenerife	12	54	d	Tunis	17	63	f	Zurich	10	50	f
Toronto	2	36	f	Valencia	17	63	f				
Tunis	17	63	f	Vanc'ver	8	46	c				
Valencia	17	63	f	Venice	13	55	fg				
Vanc'ver	8	46	c	Vienna	11	52	c				
Venice	13	55	fg	Warsaw	10	50	f				
Vienna	11	52	c	Wash'ton	8	46	s				
Warsaw	10	50	f	Wel'ngton	20	68	f				
Wash'ton	8	46	s	Zurich	10	50	f				

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NOON TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: Low B will be replaced over Scandinavia by Low D. Low U will fill. High H will drift north and decline while High V will decline



HIGH TIDES

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Aberdeen	2.26	4.11	4.31	4.23	Lowestoft	10 52	2.36	10.49	2.51
Avonmouth	8.34	13.20	8.37	13.12	Margate	12 57	4.57	1.25	4.55
Belfast	-	-	12 13	3.45	Milford Haven	7.20	6 04	7.38	6.18
Cardiff	8 09	12.20	8.22	12.13	Nowquay	6.12	6 9	6.36	6.8
Devonport	6 50	5 4	7 06	5.3	Oban	6.48	4.0	6.54	3.9
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Falmouth	6.20	5.2	6.36	5 1	Portland	7 50	2 1	8.10	2.0
Glasgow	2 06	4 6	2 27	4 8	Portsmouth	12 18	4 7	12.32	4.6
Harwich	12.49	3 93	1 10	3 89	Shoreham	12 26	6.40	12.38	6.21
Holyhead	11.27	5 52	11 44	5.22	Southampton	—	—	12.01	4.39
Hull	7 28	7 26	7.35	7 64	Swansea	7 20	9 50	7 41	9.28
Ilfracombe	7.05	9 18	7 18	8 05	Tees	4.48	5.07	4.53	5.31
King's Lynn	7 35	6 4	7 40	6 7	W'ton-on-Nze	12.39	4 16	1.01	4 13
Leith	3 44	5 32	4 01	5.42					

HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 6.18 am — Sun sets: 6.03 pm

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London 6 03 pm to 6 18 am
Bristol 6 13 pm to 6 27 am
Edinburgh 6 14 pm to 6 32 am
Manchester 6 11 pm to 6 27 am
Penzance 6 25 pm to 6 39 am

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Hoddle's guile secures place in FA Cup semi-finals

Peacock does Chelsea proud

Chelsea 1
Wolverhampton Wdrs 0

BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

GAVIN Peacock, a committed Christian, came to terms with playing on the sabbath and put in the decisive piece of industry to score the goal that carried Chelsea into the semi-finals for the first time since they won the FA Cup in 1970.

Peacock also scored the goals which secured a league double over Manchester United and six points that could yet keep Chelsea in the FA Carling Premiership and it is clear that this £1.25 million purchase from Newcastle United has already earned his fee.

At the end, euphoria broke out and seemingly the entire Chelsea Shed evacuated their places to maraud on to the field, before Glenn Hoddle, the player-manager, having put himself into the fray from the nineteenth minute, admitted: "From the moment I woke this morning, I could almost smell the expectation. There's a long way to go yet and, if ever we need to be brought back to earth, we will get it on Wednesday when we have to start playing for our survival against Wimbledon."

Peacock's precious quality apart, it had been the soothing application of Hoddle himself that had made the difference between Chelsea and an industrious, hungry, Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Hoddle went on when Spencer suddenly screamed in agony, a reaction to the sciatic problem that had troubled him in training. "I turned to my chairman," Graham Turner, the Wolves manager, said, "and said that this was the worst thing that could happen. I suspected that Glenn's presence on the field would have a calming influence on his team, and so it proved."

So, indeed. With the wind blowing capriciously and with players younger by almost a generation scuffling around finding the conditions hard to master, on came Hoddle, 36, who has not been able to play in the first team since November 6, and with measured aplomb, he was to show the mark of true class.

The measure of Chelsea's performance, in which they were just the more accomplished side, was that it came without the entire strike force of Stein, Cascarino and, from his injury onwards, Spencer.

Wolverhampton were at times the more competitive team and they had, in Chris Marsden, a player whose left foot threatened to orchestrate the first victory of the quarter-finals for the underdog. Quite why Marsden, 25, had languished in the lower divisions with Huddersfield Town, is a mystery.

Coventry City had taken him on loan and discarded him, and after 90 minutes in which his influence was second only to Hoddle, the one unfortunate moment from him was an ugly stamp with his foot while Hoddle was on the ground.

Spencer, moments before his substitution, had proved the value of the little man, controlling the ball at a touch to turn halfway towards goal and volley with the element of surprise that demanded, and got, a fine reflex reaction from Stowell. Wolves were more direct in their attacks, aiming straight down the middle for Kelly and Whittingham, on loan from Aston Villa, yet it was Hoddle, with deft and guile, who almost stole the lead.

Just before half-time, after the erratic Ferguson had lost possession, Peacock centred from the left. Hoddle controlled the ball on his chest, allowed it to drop and from the edge of the penalty area extracted a classic dive from Stowell, who reacted splendidly when the ball was deflected by Blades.

The visitors' defensive trio were apparently in full command. Venus showed a delicate touch in dragging the ball back from the energetic Hopkin, Blades made one fine run out of defence and Shirtliff organised between them. However, it was Hoddle again, in the second half, who came close with a shot from 25 yards that went inches over the crossbar.

The pressure was building towards something tangible and it was delivered in the 58th minute. Wise, by now playing in a free role behind the reorganised attack of Hopkin and Peacock, created the opening. Burley, industrious on the right flank, attempted a shot that was hopelessly mishit. The ball was directed by chance straight into the path of Peacock who, without hesitation, stretched beyond Blades to hook the ball in right-footed from eight yards.

Chelsea survived because three efforts from Wolves — a header by Whittingham, a left-foot volley by Marsden and a free kick from Cook — were dealt with by the international trio of Kharine, Johnsen and Kjeldbjerg. Quite how the three communicate would be fun to hear but as it was the sound of relief came from the Chelsea supporters who made up the vast bulk of the 29,340 audience, an unequal gathering, and in the end a result for the status quo.

FA CUP

SEMI-FINAL DRAW
Oldham Athletic v Manchester United
Chelsea v West Ham United or Luton Town
Ties to be played Sunday, April 10.



ANDRE CAMARA

Peacock attempts an overhead kick with Stowell, the Wolverhampton goalkeeper, in close attendance

CHELSEA (4-4-2): D Kharine — S Clarke, J Kjeldbjerg, E Johnsen, F Sinclair — D Wise, C Burley, E Newton, G Peacock — D Hopkin, J Spencer (sub G Hoddle, 19min).

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (3-5-2): M Stowell — P Blades, P Shirtliff, M Venus — M Rankine, K Keen, C Marsden, D Ferguson (sub: P Cook, 70), A Thompson — G Whittingham, D Kelly.
Referee: G Poll.

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Richards' recall restores pack to full strength

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND yesterday reassembled the pack that carried them to victory over New Zealand last November. Dean Richards, the Leicester No 8, will catch the tag end of rugby union's five nations' championship after recovering from a dislocated elbow, but it is the important end — the meeting with Wales at Twickenham on Saturday — which will decide the championship.

Richards, 30, proved his fitness on Saturday against Newcastle Gosforth, his first appearance since January 15, and wins his 36th cap at the expense of Steve Ojomoh, who played well in the win over France in Paris. Had it been any other player than Richards, the Bath back-row forward would have survived: instead, he rejoins the replacements, knowing that his time will come again.

Geoff Cooke, announcing his last team as England manager, ticked off the list of Richards's virtues: "vast" experience, "massive" psychological presence, a core forward since 1988, a boost to the whole team. "But next Saturday we will need people ... well-versed in the art of street-fighting, I suppose," Cooke added.

That can be taken as an inverted compliment to the Welsh who, for all their traumas of recent years, still know their way round a rugby field. England would not be distressed, for example, to know that the nearest thing Wales have to Richards — Phil Davies, the Llanelli lock — required treatment to a hamstring yesterday, though he will play.

Twice Richards has been omitted from Cooke's teams — when the 1991 World Cup reached its knockout stage and, a year later, when England played South Africa.

"I might have felt hard done by at the time, but we all see things differently and anyway, England won," Richards said.

Richards has yet to see his young Welsh opponent, Scott Quinnell, in action. Leadership of the England pack remains with Brian Moore, the Harlequins hooker, who will become the fifth Englishman to collect 50 caps.

Cooke's view is that victory on Saturday is the primary objective and that the championship, should England acquire the necessary 16-point margin, would be a bonus: "I have not been satisfied with any of our performances this season," he said, "but I would rather we won than scored three tries a game and lost."

France have scored seven tries this championship and won only once, therefore Olivier Roumat is ousted as captain and lock for the game with Scotland at Murrayfield. He is one of five changes from the team beaten 18-14 by England, the captaincy passing to Philippe Saint-André.

For Scotland, the Hastings brothers, Gavin and Scott, were forced to leave the pitch during their McEwan's League game on Saturday, but the medical team was confident yesterday that they will be fit to play.

TEAMS

ENGLAND (v Wales): D Pears (Harlequins), I Hunter (Northampton), W D C Carling (Harlequins, captain), P R de Glanville (Bath), R Underwood (Leicester/RAF); C R Andrew (Wasps), C D Morris (Orrell); J Leonard (Harlequins), B C Moore (Harlequins), V E Ubogu (Bath), T A K Rodber (Northampton), M O Johnson (Leicester), N C Redman (Bath), B B Clarke (Bath), D Richards (Leicester). Replacements: M Catt (Bath), S Barnes (Bath), K P P Bracken (Bristol), G C Rowntree (Leicester), R G R Dawe (Bath), S O Ojomoh (Bath).

FRANCE (v Scotland): J-L Sadourny (Colomiers); P Saint-André (Montferrand, captain), P Sella (Agen), Y Delaigue (Toulon), W Techoueyres (SBUC); T Lacroix (Dax), A Macabiau (Perpignan); L Benezech (Racing), J-M Gonzales (Bayonne), L Seigne (Merignac), P Benetton (Agen), O Merle (Grenoble), O Brouzet (Grenoble), A Benazzi (Agen), L Cabannes (Racing). Replacements: P Gallart (Beziers), F Landreau (Grenoble), X Blond (Racing), F Galthie (Colomiers), P Montlaur (Agen), E N'Tamack (Toulouse).

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Report from our Rugby correspondent Dai Llarfynge at Twickenham.

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West Indies players in contract dispute

FROM ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
IN GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

WHILE England's cricket management spent the weekend in deepening confusion over who should play in their team for the second Test, West Indies officials had to indulge in a dangerous game of double bluff to ensure they still had a team at all.

There was no hint of drama when their party was named on Saturday, the only change being Carl Hooper for Roger Harper. Yesterday, however, it transpired that impasse had threatened over the refusal of the majority of the players to sign their contracts for the series. The militants, who included Richie Richardson, the captain, and his deputy, Desmond Haynes, were holding out for improved terms, specifically for the one-day series already completed. The West Indies Board responded with an ultimatum that those who did not sign on Saturday would not be included in the next Test, starting here on Thursday.

This threat had the desired effect and all the contracts were completed, possibly to the regret of an England team which would otherwise have been confronted by a hurriedly assembled collection of reserves. For the West Indies authorities, though, this was neither the beginning nor the end of the problem. The players took a similar stance a year ago, prior to a series with Pakistan, and the truce is no more than temporary.

England's weekend worries were relatively mundane and, to some degree, self-inflicted. Once they had misguidedly selected all their fringe batsmen, plus four fast bowlers, this match against the President's XI had more potential for deflecting them from Test priorities than for settling uncertainty.

That, predictably, was the outcome of Saturday's two sessions, in which two of the four seam bowlers were startlingly inept, while a third broke down, and of yesterday's academic exercise, which produced a century for the batsman least likely to feature in the Test team, Nasser Hussain.

Chris Lewis was the bowler to limp out of the game, which will come as little surprise to those familiar with his career. It was never better than a whimsical notion that he might fill the strike-bowling boots of the absent Devon Malcolm, for this is a job requiring physical and mental resilience. Lewis was only a few deliveries into his new-ball spell when he began hobbling in his follow-through. He left the field after four overs and returned later to bowl three more, grimacing with pain after almost every ball. He was then sent for an X-ray on his left ankle, which proved inconclusive.

The reaction of the party to each new Lewis ailment is one of growing despair, which was summarised by Keith Fletcher, the team manager: "Maybe it's time for him to bite the bullet and go through a bit of pain," he said. Lewis, however, played no part yesterday and will today consult an orthopaedic specialist before his prospects of playing on Thursday are assessed.

Only Angus Fraser and Ian Salisbury, both of whom bowled with skill and control here, can yet be inked into the England Test attack and the look of the pitch yesterday, still rough and unevenly grassed four days before the game, resolved nothing about the balance od the side. What can be said, however, is that the option of two spin bowlers looks ever more attractive in the light of seam bowling that is capable of neither effective attack nor defence.

Caddick's line is so badly awry that, on Saturday, he offered a series of leg-stump half-volleys, while Watkin is thumping the ball in short. Things were no better yesterday, when they shared the new ball and conceded 65 in ten overs as the President's XI began an improbable pursuit of 298 in 40 overs.

Hussain's three-hour century was a low-key affair to all but himself. His previous highest score on the tour was 16 and, as his Test prospects receded, he had begun to brood. Yesterday, he breakfasted alone, an hour before any other player emerged, and if this consolatory innings as a stand-in opener had any significance, it was in ensuring he has something tangible to remember this tour by rather than making a persuasive case to play on Thursday.

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SCORECARD

ENGLAND XI: First Innings 308-2 declared (M R Ramprakash 154 not out, G P Thorpe 84).

Second Innings

R A Smith c Semple b Perry	43
N Hussain not out	103
†R C Russell not out	11
Extras (lb 4, nb 9)	13
Total (1 wkt dec)	170

FALL OF WICKET: 1-121.

BOWLING: Cuffy 8-1-28-0; Browne 6-1-30-0; Hooper 11-1-48-0; Perry 14-3-22-1; Dhanraj 9.5-0-37-0; Chanderpaul 1-0-1-0.

WI BOARD XI: First Innings

D A Joseph c Salisbury b Lewis	7
R G Samuels lbw b Caddick	12
K F Semple c Russell b Salisbury	76
*C L Hooper lbw b Fraser	7
S Chanderpaul c Smith b Salisbury	3
K Mason b Fraser	29
N O Perry c & b Salisbury	32
†K A Wong not out	9
R Dhanraj not out	1
Extras (b 1, lb 2, nb 2)	5
Total (7 wkts dec)	181

C E Cuffy and B A Browne did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-26, 3-37, 4-48, 5-139, 6-143, 7-180.

BOWLING: Lewis 7-2-11-1; Caddick 12-1-61-1; Fraser 10-4-18-2; Salisbury 21-6-52-3; Watkin 10-1-36-0.

Second Innings

D A Joseph not out	13
R G Samuels not out	44
Extras	8
Total	65

K F Semple, S Chanderpaul, C L Hooper, K Mason, K A Wong, N O Perry, R Dhanraj, C E Cuffy and B A Browne to bat.

Umpires: L Barker and E Nicholls.



Today *The Times* announces a new cricket game to run throughout the summer. Full details of *The Times* First Class XI on pages 28 and 29

Consistency giving Palace an edge

Crystal Palace 1
West Bromwich 0

By Keith Pike

WITH his self-deprecating brand of humour and deadpan delivery, Alan Smith could probably turn to stand-up comedy if Crystal Palace ever decided to seek a new manager. But with his team eight points clear at the top of the Endsleigh Insurance League first division, Smith can look forward to continuing to earn his crust from football clubs rather than night clubs.

On Saturday, Smith's post-match reflections were by far the most entertaining part of the afternoon for Palace, frequently exciting to watch this season, had failed to get into their stride. Yet they still won.

Smith's team is, essentially, the one that, under Steve Coppell, found points, and humour, too hard to come by last season. Thomas and McGoldrick have gone, Matthew and Salako arrived — one bought, one coming back from a career-threatening injury. Stewart, on loan from Liverpool, has made an impact, too, and Dyer, signed from Watford for £1.25 million, was on the bench.

But it is consistency, not cash, that Smith says has transformed a relegated team into one bound for the Premiership and likely to thrive when it gets there: "I am trying to produce an exciting young team, but this season it has been about performing consistently." Smith said. "Teams like Nottingham Forest, Derby and Wolves have impressed me, but they all seem to have great wins one day and bad results the next."

Palace are unbeaten in nine matches since Stewart's loan period started. Five wins from their last 12 games should be enough to secure promotion, Smith said — although he will not be telling his players that.

"I am not the most experienced manager in that I have not been in charge of a large number of clubs, but I know that what managers say to players is too often taken literally," Smith said. "If I tell my lot that they have got to win five of the last 12, they will undoubtedly win the last five and I don't think I could stand that."

Should Palace go up, Smith will try to sign Stewart permanently: "His influence, not just on the pitch, but in the dressing-room and on the training ground, has been tremendous," he said. On Saturday, it was his first goal for the club, after two minutes, that proved decisive.

Stewart was left with a simple tap-in after Naylor, the West Bromwich Albion goalkeeper, had failed to hold Armstrong's shot, but it was Rodger's determination in a tackle with Raven that had set up the chance and Rodger who, together with Southgate, did most to preserve Palace's lead as Albion took control later. It was a day when the grafters upstaged the gifted and nobody was more pleased than the Palace manager.

CRYSTAL PALACE (4-4-2): N Martyn — J Humphrey, E Young, C Coleman, D Gordon (sub: B Dyer, 71min) — D Matthew, G Southgate, S Rodger, J Salako — C Armstrong, P Stewart.
WEST BROMWICH ALBION (4-4-2): S Naylor — D Burgess, P Mardon, P Raven, P Edwards — I Hamilton, K Donovan, D Bradley, D Smith — A Hunt (sub: C Heggs 75), R Taylor.
Referee: R Bigger.

Plymouth heading to overtake Reading

Plymouth Argyle 3
Reading 1

By Michael Henderson

SIR JOHN Betjeman once attended an Oxford lecture on "the pleasures of reading" by Lord David Cecil, who thanked him for coming. "But I thought the talk was going to be about the pleasures of Reading," Betjeman, who tended to befriend the unloved, said. He would not have found much comfort at Home Park.

After this defeat, Reading lead second-placed Argyle by only two points and must now keep a close watch on Stockport County, who have three games in hand. They have not yet dissipated their fortune but any more performances like this and Mark McGhee, their manager, will soon be looking like Henry McGee, Benny Hill's old stooge.

Plymouth and Reading have crossed swords before in the old third division. One bristling day in November 1985, Argyle went three goals up at Elm Park before surrendering four in the last half-hour. The teams were promoted at the end of the season and Argyle might well have gone up again within a year if they had released more money at the right time.

They are less shy these days. Dan McCauley, the chairman, is no Jack Walker, but he has enabled Peter Shilton to spend the better part of £1 million and the manager has something to show for it. Plymouth have spent their entire life toing and fro-ing between the second and third divisions and, having trounced the leaders, they are ideally placed to fro once more. Shilton has assembled a pleasing team, but if he derived pleasure from watching them, he was not saying. Matches are much of a muchness to his old pro's eyes. They come and go, rather like managers, and nobody is sure how long he will remain if Plymouth are promoted.

He should ease up a bit. Their football is full of good intentions and they like to pass the ball whether the choice is easy or not. It is stretching a point to compare them with Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest sides though, as Shilton and John McGovern, his assistant, won championship medals there, it is the style they are trying to replicate.

Kevin Nugent will remember this win most of all. When the centre forward is not scoring goals, he can look a bit awkward, but this was his feast day. The upset stomach that put his participation in doubt should have accommodated a glass of something cheering on Saturday night.

His first goal was a curio. Hislop attempted to clear a backpass upfield without thought, as goalkeepers are prone to do, and, after Nugent had been winded by the kick, which struck him in the solar plexus, he recovered his composure to return the serve with emphasis. His second, and Argyle's third, made the game safe 19 minutes from time. Both the angle and height of the ball were unpromising but he dispatched a clean left-footed strike from 12 yards.

Dalton's goal, which restored Argyle's lead after Kerr had chipped a clever equaliser, was more typical. It came after McCall put Naylor in along the left and ensured the scoreline offered a proper reflection of a good match.

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (4-3-3): A Nicholls — M Patterson, A Burrows, A Comyn, D Naylor — W Burnett, S Castle, S McCall — M Evans, K Nugent, P Dalton.
READING (5-3-2): S Hislop — D Kerr, R Wallace, J Hopkins, A Williams, M Gilkes — S Taylor (sub: J Lambert, 78min), M Gooding, T Jones — S Lovell, J Quinn.
Referee: K Cooper (Swindon).

PETER HATTER



No luck this time for Walker, scorer of England's second goal, as she is tackled by the sliding Vanstraelen.

Spacey inspires emphatic success

England 6
Belgium 0

By Alyson Rudd

THE England women's team look certain to qualify for the European championship. They rediscovered their goalscoring skills to win emphatically against Belgium at the City Ground in Nottingham yesterday and are now clear favourites in their group, having won three and drawn two of their five games.

England were 3-0 up at half-time, despite playing into a strong wind. They took the lead after 14 minutes when the Arsenal midfield player, Marieanne Spacey, broke down the right wing and fired past Noe in the Belgian goal. Six minutes later, Borman sent Walker clear for her sixth goal of the campaign.

A curled free-kick from Spacey on 22 minutes made it 3-0 and underlined England's growing confidence, although, for the rest of the half, Belgium played more positively, with Vantmans putting a good chance into the side netting and Demeester hitting the bar.

In the second half, England defended more astutely and passed more intelligently. Soon after the restart, Bampton played a Beardsley-style slide-rule pass through to Spacey only for the latter's cross to be cut out. The fourth goal was created by some lovely individual trickery from Borman, the Doncaster Belles striker, who found Spacey on the left wing. Her cross was duly volleyed in by Davis.

Four minutes later, Bampton scored after Spacey's shot had been parried by Noe and, three minutes from time, the England captain, Coultard, made it 6-0, meeting yet another cross from the impressive Spacey. England now lead their qualifying group and victory against Slovenia in their remaining fixture, at Brentford on April 17, will seal their place in the finals.

There, they are where they are likely to encounter teams with more poise and tactical acumen than the Belgians. The visitors did not seem comfortable with their sweeper formation and instead relied, far too much, on a heavy-footed offside trap. England, in contrast, looked assured and can greet sterner opposition with confidence.

ENGLAND (4-4-2): L Shipp — K Pealling, L Waller (sub: S Hayward, 74min), S Britton, C Taylor — G Coultard, M Spacey, D Bampton, K Walker — G Borman, K Davis (sub: K Burke, 74).
BELGIUM (1-4-4-1): A Noe — D Delombaerde — C Vanstraelen, M Carmere, A Janssens, C Vautmans — D Specogna, P Demeester, P Vanpumbroeck (sub: E Schmidmayer, 74), I Vanherle (sub: K Yde, 46) — M Vanslembroeck.
Referee: T Haughe (Nor).

Brown makes Hearts rue their decision

KEVIN McCARRA



Scottish commentary

The cheap elements of the Rangers team will be the hardest to replace. At £175,000, for example, the club pilfered rather than purchased Ally McCoist. In the Tennents Scottish Cup quarter-final at Ibrox on Saturday, however, it was another cut-price player who scythed Heart of Midlothian down.

John Brown, bought from Dundee for just £350,000, hardly needs to keep his hair cropped. Even with luxuriant locks, there would still be a bristling air to him. The defender's career has been a perpetual battle, but Brown, in any case, would never yearn for respite. Having scored the crucial opening goal in the 2-0 victory over Hearts, he was in possession of one more piece of vindication.

He went on local radio to jeer at the Hearts chairman, Wallace Mercer. Eight years ago, the Edinburgh club pulled out of a deal to sign Brown after being alarmed by the medical evidence. On Saturday, his 30-yarder was struck with the force of a man intent on ramming that verdict down Hearts' throats.

Brown's behaviour lacked grace, but he has needed to hoard all of his aggression simply to survive in the game. As a youngster with Hamilton, he required several operations. You wonder whether dismantling and reassembling Brown's knee became part of the training programme for apprentice surgeons in the area.

This season's operation was on the 32-year-old's back, but an ailing body is just one more adversary and Brown makes no concessions. He will sometimes tap a finger against his chest and insist "It's what you have in here that counts". It is more than just fear that prevents you from giggling at so corny a comment.

Week after week, the Rangers centre back hammers out the truth of that remark on the field of play. You can almost hear the grunt of effort as he arrives just in time to make another vital tackle. The frailties of age and dodgy joints are trivia so long as his desire to win remains in such rude health.

Brown is the keeper of Rangers' fire. When he is back in the side, fewer goals are conceded and the sense of purpose is strengthened. The club has bought men of superior technique for the sweeper position, notably the Ukrainian, Oleg Kuznetsov, but none has been able to galvanise the team quite as Brown does.

People, in any case, are a little too quick to accept the caricature he presents. Brown has cast himself as the navvy of the side ever since Graeme Souness took him to Ibrox. Perhaps he sensed that there was a vacancy for such a figure, but, until that point, he had been regarded as a footballer of some accomplishment.

With Dundee, he was a creative force, operating in midfield. Brown was the free-kick expert, almost pawing the ground before battering another left-footer. He likes to joke that he has had to retire from such duties at Ibrox: "I can't get the ball off McCoist." Still the signs of craft remain.

On Saturday, one 30-yard pass tucked inside the Hearts full back for the overlapping David Robertson was gloriously judicious. Even the thundering volley for the first goal acquired its power only from the perfection of the strike.

Brown was not alone at Ibrox in his desire to lash out at Hearts. The visitors gave a lamentable performance, with the containment of Rangers as their single objective. The diligence of Craig Levein and Alan McLaren ensured the scheme would carry some plausibility, but never enough to sustain Hearts for the full 90 minutes.

Their manager, Sandy Clark, was full of protestations afterwards, claiming that Rangers had compelled them to spend so much time in defence. In truth, though, the visitors were stricken with caution from the beginning, looking bewildered whenever they were actually in possession.

Clark will have to take responsibility for that. The approach was not even pragmatic since Rangers have only once failed to score at Ibrox this season.

CUP DRAW

Semi-finals
Kilmarnock v Rangers
Airdrieonians or Dundee United v St Johnstone or Aberdeen
Ties to be played on April 9
REPLAY DATES: Tomorrow: Dundee United v Airdrieonians; Aberdeen v St Johnstone

WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

FA Challenge Cup

Sixth round
BOLTON (0) 0 OLDHAM (0) 1 — Beckford 84 — 20,321
MAN UTD (0) 3 CHARLTON (0) 1 — Hughes 46, Kanchelskis 71 75; Leaburn 77 — 44,347

Yesterday
CHELSEA (0) 1 WOLVERHAMPTON (0) 0 — Peacock 58 — 29,340

FA Carling Premiership

A VILLA (0) 0 IPSWICH (1) 1 — Johnson 6 — 23,732
MAN CITY (0) 0 WIMBLEDON (1) 1 — Earle 31 — 23,981
NEWCASTLE (2) 7 SWINDON (0) 1 — Beardsley 12 (pen) 70, Lee 17 67, Watson 76 79, Fox 84; Moncur 77 — 32,216
NORWICH (1) 3 QPR (0) 4 — Ekoku 9 55, Bowen 87; Barker 49, Peacock 64, Penrice 70, White 84 — 16,499
SOUTHMPTN (0) 1 SHEFF WED (0) 1 — Monkou 78; Bart-Williams 67 — 16,391

Yesterday
LIVERPOOL (2) 2 EVERTON (1) 1 — Rush 22, Fowler 44; Watson 21 — 44,281
SHEFFIELD U (0) 2 LEEDS U (1) 2 — Flo 74, Gayle 89; Speed 28, Deane 58 — 19,425

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
1 Man Utd	30	9	5	1	36	11	11	3	1	33	17	68
2 Blackburn	31	11	3	2	24	9	8	4	3	22	14	64
3 Newcastle	31	9	3	3	36	11	7	3	6	23	20	54
4 Arsenal	31	8	5	2	19	9	6	7	3	20	8	54
5 Aston Villa	31	7	3	6	19	13	6	7	2	19	16	49
6 Leeds	30	9	4	1	26	13	3	8	5	16	17	48
7 Liverpool	31	9	4	2	27	16	4	4	8	22	26	47
8 Sheff Wed	31	6	6	3	30	18	5	6	5	24	22	45
9 Norwich	32	3	8	5	17	20	7	6	3	36	26	44
10 QPR	29	6	4	4	26	19	8	3	6	21	21	43
11 Wimbledon	30	7	4	4	23	18	4	5	6	12	22	42
12 Ipswich	31	5	6	5	16	22	4	6	5	12	15	39
13 Coventry	32	6	6	4	16	12	3	5	8	16	28	38
14 West Ham	30	5	6	4	17	18	4	5	6	11	20	38
15 Everton	31	7	3	7	23	24	3	3	8	12	18	36
16 Tottenham	32	3	7	7	23	26	4	4	7	19	20	32
17 Chelsea	29	6	4	4	18	15	2	4	9	13	24	32
18 Southampton	31	7	2	7	22	21	2	3	10	11	21	32
19 Man City	32	4	7	5	16	18	2	5	9	10	22	30
20 Oldham	30	4	5	6	18	27	2	4	9	8	23	27
21 Sheff Utd	30	4	6	4	14	15	0	6	10	12	32	24
22 Swindon	33	4	6	7	21	33	0	6	10	16	47	24

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier Division Group B: Drogheda Utd 0 Limerick 0. Postponed: Cobh Ramblers v Dundalk.
KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth 2 Afan Lido 2, Caersws 0 Connah's Quay 0; Cwmbran 3 Llanelli 1; Ebbw Vale 1 Haverfordwest 2; Holywell 3 Porthmadog 2; Llansantffraid 1 Bangor 2, Mold 0 Newtown 0, Ton Pentre 1 Maesteg Park 2.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley 2 Droylsden 0; Bridlington Town 1 Barrow 2, Chorley 2 Boston Utd 0, Colwyn Bay 1 Whitley Bay 0; Fleetwood 3 Matlock 1; Frickley 1 Knowsley Utd 0; Gainsborough 4 Horwich 0; Hyde 2 Emley 1, Leek 1 Marine 4; Morecambe 4 Buxton 1, Winsford 0 Bishop Auckland 0.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone 0 Trowbridge 1, Burton 2 Hastings 0; Cheltenham 2 Bashley 0; Dorchester 1 Nuneaton 0; Gloucester 0 Farnborough 1, Gresley Rovers 2 Chelmsford 1; Halesowen 2 Crawley Town 2. Hednesford 4 Cambridge City 1; Solihull 1 Sittingbourne 0; Worcester 2 Corby Town 1. Midland division: Armitage 2 Newport AFC 1; Bridgnorth 2 King's Lynn 0; Clevedon 4 Grantham 2; Forest Green 1 Bedworth 1; Leicester United 0 Bilston 0; Warwick 1 Redditch 0; Stourbridge 0 Weston-super-Mare 3, Sutton Coldfield 1 Evesham 1; Tamworth 2 Dudley 1, VS Rugby 3 Hinckley 0; Yate 2 Rushden 4. Southern division: Buckingham 1 Weymouth 1; Burnham 1 Canterbury 1; Bury Town 0 Poole 0, Dunstable 3 Ashford 2; Fareham 1 Erith and Belvedere 0; Fisher 2 Braintree 2; Margate 0 Witney 3; Newport IOW 3 Havant 2; Salisbury 1 Sudbury 0; Tonbridge 0 Baldock 0; Wealdstone 0 Gravesend and Northfleet 3.
DIADORA FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 0 Grays 0; Carshalton 1 Aylesbury 3; Dulwich 1 Yeading 1; Enfield 2 Bromley 0; Hayes 1 Wokingham 2; Hendon 0 Chesham 1; Hitchin 2 Dorking 3, Marlow 0 Stevenage Borough 0; Molesey 0 Harrow 0; Sutton Utd 4 St Albans 1; Wivenhoe 1 Kingstonian 1. First division: Abingdon 1 Uxbridge 0, Berkhamsted 0 Ruislip 1; Bishop's Stortford 9 Croydon 1; Boreham Wood 1 Leyton 2, Chalfont St Peter 1 Barking 1; Maidenhead United 1 Heybridge 0; Staines 3 Tooting and Mitcham 0; Walton and Hersham 1 Billericay 2, Wembley 0 Bognor Regis 1; Whyteleafe 0 Purfleet 1; Worthing 2 Windsor and Eton 0. Second division: Aldershot Town 1 Collier Row 0; Banstead 3 Leatherhead 0; Barton 1 Metropolitan Police 0; Chertsey 3 Aveley 2; Hampton 1 Lewes 1; Hungerford 0 Hemel Hempstead 3; Rainham 1 Edgware 2, Saffron Walden 5 Egham 1; Thame 1 Malden Vale 1, Tilbury 1 Newbury 1, Ware 0 Witham 2. Third division: Camberley 3 Southall 1; Cheshunt 0 Harlow 0; Clapton 0 Northwood 1; Feltham 1 Bracknell 2; Flackwell 2 Epsom and Ewell 2; Harefield 0 Thurrock 0; Horsham 0 Royston 0; Kingsbury 1 Hornchurch 0; Leighton 1 Oxford City 3, Tring 2 Cove 0.

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division
BARNSLEY (0) 1 TRANMERE (0) 0 — Payton 70 — 8,203
C PALACE (1) 1 WEST BROM (0) 0 — Stewart 2 — 16,576
DERBY (0) 0 MILLWALL (0) 0 — 15,303
GRIMSBY (0) 1 BIRMINGHAM (0) 0 — Croft 67 — 5,405
LEICESTER (1) 2 MIDDLSBROUGH (0) 0 — Joachim 29 Speedie 82 — 16,116
NOTTS COUNTY (1) 1 WATFORD (0) 0 — Lund 32 — 8,378
OXFORD UTD (0) 1 PETERBORO (0) 2 — Moody 58; McGorry 48 Iorfa 65 — 5,789
SOUTHEND (1) 2 PORTSMTH (1) 1 — Beadle 14 Sussex 55; Creaney 6 — 4,437
STOKE (0) 0 NOTTM F (1) 1 — Webb 30 — 20,550

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
1 Crystal Palace	34	12	4	1	33	14	7	4	6	25	23	65
2 Leicester	33	11	5	1	38	20	5	4	7	15	19	57
3 Notts Forest	33	8	7	2	27	15	8	2	6	25	19	57
4 Charlton	32	11	3	3	25	10	5	4	6	18	20	55
5 Millwall	32	10	5	1	26	11	4	6	6	16	23	53
6 Derby	34	11	2	4	33	19	4	5	8	18	28	52
7 Notts County	34	13	1	3	32	18	3	3	11	17	38	52
8 Stoke	34	11	2	4	26	15	3	7	7	17	30	51
9 Tranmere	33	10	2	4	31	18	4	5	8	13	22	49
10 Southend	34	8	4	6	28	22	6	1	9	21	26	47
11 Wolverhmptn	32	8	8	3	28	15	3	7	5	18	17	46
12 Bolton	33	8	5	2	27	17	4	5	9	16	23	46
13 Bristol City	33	7	5	4	19	15	5	5	7	15	22	46
14 Grimsby	33	5	10	1	21	13	5	4	8	21	26	44
15 Middlesbro	32	7	5	3	23	11	4	6	7	18	23	44
16 Luton	32	10	1	5	30	17	2	5	9	13	24	42
17 Sunderland	32	10	2	4	23	13	2	4	10	10	25	42
18 Portsmouth	34	7	5	4	20	14	3	6	9	17	33	41
19 West Brom	34	6	7	4	28	22	3	3	11	17	29	37
20 Barnsley	32	5	3	8	17	21	5	4	7	24	27	37
21 Watford	34	7	4	6	31	29	2	3	12	18	37	34
22 Peterborough	34	6	7	4	20	14	2	3	12	14	30	34
23 Birmingham	35	6	6	6	19	22	1	3	13	14	33	30
24 Oxford Utd	33	6	3	8	21	29	1	5	10	14	32	29

Second division

BARNET (2) 3 LEYTON ORIENT (1) 1 — Lynch 2 Gibson 6 Newson 80; West 21 — 2,717
BRADFORD (0) 2 SWANSEA (0) 1 — Duxbury 64 Power 71; Cornforth 74 — 8,220
BRENTFORD (0) 1 BRIGHTON (1) 1 — Ratcliffe 72; Nogan 31 — 6,738
BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 0 ROTHERHAM (2) 2 — Barras 7 Roberts 40 — 4,224
BURNLEY (0) 1 STOCKPORT (0) 1 — McMinn 57; Preece 55 — 13,130
CAMBRIDGE UTD (2) 3 BOURNEMTH (1) 2 — Butler 23 53 Middleton 25; O'Connor 7 72 — 2,836
CARDIFF (0) 0 BLACKPOOL (1) 2 — Watson 39 Griffiths 55 — 5,186
HARTLPOOL (1) 1 PORT VALE (2) 4 — MacPhail 11; Glichrist 15og Lowe 31 Cross 57 Aspin 85 — 1,798
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0 HULL (0) 2 — Dewhurst 64 Windass 85 — 6,675
PLYMOUTH (1) 3 READING (1) 1 — Nugent 18 72 Dalton 54; Kerr 27 — 14,953
WREXHAM (0) 1 EXETER (0) 1 — Bennett 53; Morgan 57 — 3,053
YORK (0) 2 FULHAM (0) 0 — McCarthy 52 Barnes 64(pen) — 3,572

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1 Reading	34	12	3	2	32	13	8	4	5	32	23	67
2 Plymouth	34	13	4	1	39	20	6	4	6	25	24	65
3 Stockport	31	13	0	3	41	13	5	7	3	15	15	61
4 Port Vale	32	10	5	1	33	13	6	4	6	20	18	57
5 Bristol Rovers	34	7	7	4	23	21	9	2	5	20	19	57
6 Hull	35	8	5	4	25	15	8	3	7	28	29	56
7 Burnley	34	13	2	2	39	14	3	4	10	19	29	54
8 Brentford	35	7	7	4	23	19	6	7	4	23	16	53
9 Bradford	33	9	3	4	25	15	5	6	6	19	24	51
10 York	34	8	5	4	24	11	6	3	8	23	22	50
11 Leyton Orient	35	10	5	2	29	17	3	5	10	17	34	49
12 Blackpool	35	10	2	6	33	38	4	2	12	20	32	46
13 Cambridge Utd	35	8	5	5	26	18	4	3	10	19	35	44
14 Bournemouth	32	5	6	5	18	19	5	6	5	19	22	42
15 Wrexham	32	9	4	3	35	21	2	4	10	13	33	41
16 Swansea	33	7	7	2	25	14	3	4	10	14	28	41
17 Brighton	34	6	6	4	23	18	4	5	9	16	31	41
18 Rotherham	32	7	3	6	27	23	3	6	7	18	25	39
19 Fulham	34	5	4	8	14	17	6	1	10	23	31	38
20 Huddersfield	33	4	6	6	16	23	5	4	8	19	25	37
21 Cardiff	29	7	4	4	28	19	1	6	7	15	28	34
22 Exeter	31	5	5	6	30	28	2	5	8	10	28	31
23 Hartlepool	35	4	3	10	17	29	1	5	12	10	31	23
24 Barnet	33	2	4	10	14	22	1	5	11	15	38	18

Third division

BURY (0) 1 LINCOLN (0) 0 — Mauge 79 — 2,214
CARLISLE (0) 3 SCUNTHRPE (0) 1 — Conway 61 90 Valentine 63; Goodacre 81 — 4,076
CHESTER (3) 4 SCARBORO (1) 1 — Thompson 4 45 70 Came 31; White 43 — 2,882
COLCHESTR (0) 0 WYCOMBE (0) 2 — Stapleton 58 Titterton 89 — 3,932
DARLINGTN (1) 1 CREWE (0) 0 — Painter 2(pen) — 2,373
GILLINGHAM (0) 0 SHRWSBURY (0) 2 — Walton 73 Spink 83 — 3,038
HEREFORD (2) 5 ROCHDALE (0) 1 — Pike 34 88 Clark 39 Steele 50 Anderson 53; Whitehall 90 — 1,964
MANSFIELD (1) 2 DONCASTER (0) 1 — Parkin 17 Rees 55; Kitchen 77 — 2,763
PRESTON (1) 3 TORQUAY (0) 1 — Ellis 1 87 Sulley 68; Trollope 58 — 6,641
WALSALL (0) 0 CHESTRFLD (1) 1 — Carr 3 — 4,157
WIGAN (0) 1 NORTHMPTN (0) 1 — Wright 88; Cornwell 49 — 1,855

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1 Crewe	31	10	3	3	35	22	7	4	4	27	23	58
2 Chester	32	8	5	2	22	10	8	4	5	31	23	57
3 Shrewsbury	31	7	6	3	22	16	9	3	3	27	18	57
4 Wycombe	31	9	2	3	24	15	7	6	4	26	25	56
5 Preston	31	11	4	2	40	18	4	5	5	24	25	54
6 Torquay	32	6	8	3	25	22	7	3	5	25	24	50
7 Bury	32	9	3	3	30	16	5	2	10	19	30	47
8 Walsall	31	6	4	7	23	21	7	4	4	14	18	47
9 Chesterfield	31	7	4	5	25	19	6	3	6	18	24	46
10 Rochdale	31	9	4	3	31	13	3	5	7	18	24	45
11 Mansfield	33	8	1	7	23	22	4	7	6	18	26	44
12 Carlisle	33	6	4	6	24	20	6	5	6	16	15	42
13 Scarborough	33	6	2	8	21	22	5	4	8	20	28	39
14 Scunthorpe	31	6	6	3	30	16	3	5	8	15	24	38
15 Colchester	31	7	3	7	25	27	3	4	7	20	30	37
16 Lincoln	31	6	3	7	22	24	4	4	7	20	25	37
17 Doncaster	32	7	4	5	23	19	3	3	10	12	28	37
18 Gillingham	32	6	5	5	19	18	3	5	8	14	22	37
19 Hereford	31	5	3	7	27	22	4	2	10	19	36	32
20 Wigan	30	5	3	6	23	26	5	3	8	15	27	32
21 Darlington	32	6	5	6	22	22	1	6	8	13	26	32
22 Northampton	32	4	6	5	20	18	2	3	12	16	35	27

BASS IRISH CUP: Quarter-finals: Distillery 2 Glenavon 4; Glentoran 0 Bangor 2; Linfield 0 Cliftonville 0; Omagh Town 1 Portadown 2.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: First division: Brislington 3 Glastonbury 1; Ilfracombe Town 0 Larkhall Athletic 0.
ABACUS LEAGUE: First division: Aberaman 3 Caerleon 1; AFC Porth 1 Brecon 3, Caerau 0 Ammanford 0; Cardiff Civil Serv. 0 Caldicot 1; Ferndale 1 Barry 6; Morriston 1 Llanwern 1; Pontypridd 0 Abergavenny 2; Port Talbot 0 Pembroke Boro 3.
LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Intermediate Cup: Leyton County 1 Clapton Villa 3; Metpol Chigwell 0 Woolwich Town 1. Premier division: Barkingside 3 Hillingdon Borough 1; Brimsdown Rovers 0 Cockfosters 2; Corinthian Casuals 2 Beckton Utd 1; Croydon Athletic 3 St Margaretsbury 1; Hanwell Town 1 Beaconsfield Utd 2; North Greenford Utd 1 Amersham Town 2; Tower Hamlets 3 Brook House 0; Waltham Abbey 1 Southgate Athletic 0; Willesden 1 Haringey Borough 0. First division: Catford Wanderers 1 Cray Valley 3; Craven 3 Woodford Town 1; Metrogas 1 Lewisham (Elms) 4, S E Olympic 0 Bridon Ropes 2, Walthamstow Trojans 0 Old Roan 3.
JEWSON FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Premier Division: Chatteris 1 Lowestoft 0; Diss 2 Cornard 2; Gorleston 0 Newmarket Town 4; Harwich & Parkeston 2 Watton 2; Haverhill 3 Soham 2; Histon 3 Wroxham 1; Norwich 1 Halstead 4; Stowmarket 0 Gt Yarmouth 2; Tiptree 5 Fakenham 1; Wisbech 2 Felixstowe 0. First division: Cambridge 5 Swaffham 1; Downham 0 Hadleigh 1; Ely City 2 Long Sutton 2; Mildenhall 2 Clacton Town 3; Somersham 3 Stanway R 2; Sudbury 0 Warboys Town 1; Thetford Town 0 Bury 0; Woodbridge 2 Brightlingsea 0.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST: Premier division: Armthorpe 4 Sheffield 0; Brigg 3 Ashfield 1; Denaby 1 Ossett 3; Eccleshill 2 Lincoln 1; Glasshoughton 1 Thackley 1, Hucknall 2 Liversedge 4; Ossett 2 Winterton 1, Pickering 1 Maltby MW 3; Pontefract 0 North Ferriby 1; Stocksbridge 3 Belper 0.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Alfreton 0 Ashton 3; Congleton 0 Harrogate 2; Curzon 1 Farsley 0; Eastwood 0 Bamber Bridge 2; Guiseley 4 Netherfield 0; Mossley 1 Gretna 3, Radcliffe 2 Goole Town 1, Spennymoor 1 Caernarfon Town 3; Warrington 2 Workington 1, Worksop 1 Lancaster 2.
OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Glyn 3 Old Wilsonians 0, Old Aloysians 0 Chertsey 2; Old Danes 1 Old Tiffinians 2; Old Tenisonians 2 Old Hamptonians 0. Old Meadonians 2 C Manning 0.
DUTCH: Volendam 1 Groningen 0; Waalwijk 1 PSV Eindhoven 1; Utrecht 2 Vitesse Arnhem 1; Roda JC Kerkrade 4 Sparta Rotterdam 0; Twente Enschede 1 Feyenoord 1.
GREECE: Kalamaria 1 Athinaikos 3; Apollon 0 Panathinaikos 0; Iraklis 0 AEK 1; Larissa 2 Doxa 0; Naoussa 0 Panionios 1, Levadiakos 1 Aris 1, OFI 1 PAOK 0; Olympiakos 3 Edessaikos 0. Panahaiki 2 Xanthi 1.
PORTUGUESE: Benfica 8 Famalicao 0. Porto 1 Salgueiros 0.
UNIJET MID SUSSEX LEAGUE: Premier division: Crawley 3 Moresfield 2; Lewes Rovers 0 Cuckfield 6; Nowick 1 Southwater 1; Plumpton 5 Nutley 3, Wealden 0 Peaso Pottage Village 2.
SURREY COMBINATION: Battersea 1 Chessington & Hook 5; Colliers Wood 2 Ashtead 2; Coney Hall 1 Beauloy 1, Crescent Rovers 3 Sutton 0; Greenside 2 Bookham 2, S Godstone 1 Parrywood 2, Wandgas 3 Worcester Pk 4, Hellford 2 Hinchley Wood 0; Bletchingley 2 Oxted & Dist 4; RAS 5 Caius 1; Verdayne 0 Everslay 9; Chipstead 0 Chessington W H 2; Reigate 2 Sutton High 1; Tadworth 7 Cheam 2; Thornton Heath 1 Charlwood 2: Three Bridges 1 St Andrews 1.

GM Vauxhall Conference

BROMSGROVE (0) 0 RUNCORN (0) 0 — 998
DAG & RED (0) 0 MERTHYR (0) 1 — Dyer 58 — 764
GATESHEAD (0) 0 KETTERING (0) 0 — 553
HALIFAX (0) 0 DOVER (0) 1 — Dona 78 — 760
KIDDERMINSTER (1) 2 SOUTHPORT (0) 0 — Weir 5 89 — 3,877
MACCLSFLD (0) 0 BATH (0) 0 — 757
STALYBRIDGE (0) 1 STAFFORD (1) 2 — Arnold 86; Metcalf 36 Boston 68 — 458
WITTON (0) 0 WELLING (5) 5 — White 16 Reynolds 23 45 Dicks 27 32(pen) — 593
WOKING (1) 1 ALTRNCHM (0) 1 — Lakin 8; Green 55 — 1,816
YEOVIL (0) 0 NORTHWICH (0) 3 — Snowdon 54(pen) Adebola 72 90 — 2,029

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
1 Kidderminster	29	11	3	2	24	8	5	3	5	21	18	54
2 Southport	29	8	7	1	24	16	5	3	5	18	18	49
3 Kettering	30	6	7	3	18	12	8	5	3	14	8	48
4 Woking	29	9	4	2	26	14	3	6	5	16	26	46
5 Dover	28	9	2	3	24	12	4	2	8	14	22	43
6 Welling	27	7	4	4	21	14	4	5	3	19	13	42
7 Bath	30	4	6	5	23	16	6	6	3	16	13	42
8 Runcorn	28	9	2	2	31	16	0	12	3	14	22	41
9 Stafford	32	7	7	4	28	20	2	8	6	14	23	40
10 Macclesfield	28	5	6	4	20	15	6	0	7	16	24	39
11 Merthyr	30	6	7	2	25	15	3	5	7	18	25	37
12 Northwich	28	5	5	2	16	10	3	8	5	11	18	37
13 Telford	29	5	6	4	19	18	4	4	6	12	18	37
14 Bromsgrove	24	3	6	3	17	14	8	2	4	20	21	35
15 Gateshead	25	6	5	2	16	10	3	3	6	12	21	35
16 Slough	30	7	2	4	24	17	2	6	9	13	30	35
17 Halifax	27	3	7	2	19	11	4	5	6	23	28	33
18 Yeovil	29	5	2	7	17	19	3	5	7	17	30	31
19 Altrincham	29	4	3	7	14	18	4	3	8	10	17	30
20 Dag & Red	26	5	3	4	23	16	1	7	6	9	19	28
21 Witton	33	3	6	8	16	26	3	4	9	11	20	28
22 Stalybridge	28	1	5	6	11	20	4	5	7	17	22	25

Tennents Scottish Cup

Fifth Round
AIRDRIE (0) 0 DUNDEE UTD (0) 0 — 8,500
KILMARNCK (1) 1 DUNDEE (0) 0 — Brown 40 — 10,446
RANGERS (0) 2 HEARTS (0) 0 — Brown 49 Hateley 74 — 41,666
ST JOHNSTN (0) 1 ABERDEEN (1) 1 — Dodds 60; Booth 30 — 8,447

Scottish League

Premier Division
MOTHERWLL (0) 0 HIBERNIAN (0) 0 — 7,126

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
1 Rangers	32	9	3	4	31	19	6	7	1	25	13	44
2 Motherwell	33	8	6	2	22	13	7	4	6	21	20	40
3 Aberdeen	32	9	6	1	26	7	3	9	4	16	19	39
4 Hibernian	33	10	3	3	26	13	4	7	6	20	22	38
5 Celtic	32	7	7	2	18	10	5	6	5	19	16	37
6 Dundee Utd	32	4	8	3	17	14	5	8	4	17	18	34
7 Kilmarnock	32	4	9	4	13	15	4	5	6	12	17	30
8 Hearts	32	5	8	5	16	17	3	7	6	9	15	29
9 Partick	31	6	5	3	16	11	3	5	9	18	32	28
10 St Johnstone	31	5	6	6	21	24	1	8	5	6	14	26
11 Raith	32	2	8	6	15	24	2	5	9	15	33	21
12 Dundee	32	4	6	7	18	22	1	2	12	10	24	18

First division
AYR (0) 0 DUNFRLNE (1) 4 — Den Bieman 13 Petrie 46 55 Donaldson 68og — 2,336
CLYDE (1) 1 BRECHIN (0) 0 — McKenzie 19 — 2,059
FALKIRK (1) 4 ST MIRREN (0) 0 — Cadette 24 Shaw 58 Rizsic 69 80 — 4,167
MORTON (0) 0 DUMBARTON (0) 0 — 1,046
STIRLING (1) 1 HAMILTON (0) 1 — McInnes 3; Duffield 65(pen) — 1,000

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Falkirk	33	11	4	2	33	14	8	6	2	27	13	48
Dunfermline	33	13	1	2	48	14	8	4	5	25	14	47
Airdrie	32	8	6	3	28	15	7	4	4	19	13	40
Hamilton	33	8	5	3	26	14	5	7	5	18	25	38
St Mirren	33	8	3	6	24	18	6	5	5	22	24	36
Clydebank	32	6	4	5	18	21	7	5	5	24	16	35
Ayr	33	5	5	6	16	23	6	5	6	17	19	32
Stirling	33	7	5	4	21	18	5	2	10	15	30	31
Dumbarton	33	4	6	7	20	23	5	4	7	19	20	28
Clyde	33	5	5	7	12	15	3	4	10	13	28	23
Morton	33	2	9	5	15	20	1	6	10	15	28	21
Brechin	33	4	2	11	12	28	1	3	12	9	30	15

Second division
ARBROATH (0) 0 ALLOA (0) 0 — 581
EAST FIFE (0) 1 QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0 — Irvine 56 — 661
EAST STIRLING (1) 4 COWDNBTH (0) 0 — Lee 37 Millar 67 McCallum 73 Crews 74 — 290
MEADWBNK (0) 1 STRANRAER (0) 1 — Rutherford 66; Henderson 60 — 453
MONTROSE (1) 3 BERWICK (0) 1 — Grant 16 Lavelle 67 McKenna 76; Kane 55 — 620
QUEEN OF SOUTH (1) 1 ALBION (1) 2 — McGuire 38; McBride 26 Walker 76 — 678
STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0 FORFAR (0) 1 — Downie 66 — 400

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Stranraer	30	11	2	2	32	16	6	6	3	17	12	42
Stenhousemuir	29	8	4	3	31	14	8	1	5	22	20	37
Meadowbank	29	7	7	1	30	19	6	3	5	20	19	36
Berwick	30	8	5	4	26	20	8	4	5	25	20	33
East Fife	30	7	5	3	28	19	5	3	7	18	22	32
Forfar	30	6	4	5	22	21	6	4	5	21	19	32
Alloa	29	4	5	5	11	12	6	6	3	21	17	31
Queen Of South	29	7	1	7	32	18	5	5	4	27	22	30
Montrose	29	5	3	7	19	20	6	3	5	21	19	28
East Stirling	29	5	2	7	21	23	4	7	4	20	22	27
Arbroath	30	4	7	4	30	23	5	1	9	16	33	26
Queen's Park	30	7	3	5	24	24	2	3	10	15	40	24
Albion	30	2	3	10	14	26	4	4	7	18	26	19
Cowdenbeath	29	0	2	11	14	27	5	3	7	39	23	15

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	2	1½	2	1½	1½	2	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2	2	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	1½

FORECAST: Telephone claims required for 22½ or 23pts; dividend forecast is very good with seven jackpot draws and six no-score draws.


DAVID DAVIES

Schmeichel, the Manchester United goalkeeper, handles the ball outside the penalty area as he confronts Grant in the incident that saw him sent off at Old Trafford

Error compounds Schmeichel's guilt



Simon Barnes says there can be no argument with the dismissal of Manchester United's goalkeeper

Manchester United are frightfully angry about the sending-off of their goalkeeper, Peter Schmeichel, in the FA Cup quarter-final tie against Charlton Athletic on Saturday. They are appealing against it. They should be down on their knees giving thanks.

Schmeichel's dismissal, a minute before half-time with the score at 0-0, changed the game in United's favour and they went on to win 3-1. But it did more than that. It is hardly too much to say that it rescued United's season.

There has been the distinct sound of wheels falling off around Manchester United of late. In successive Saturdays, they have endured a narrow escape, a draw at West Ham and a defeat by Chelsea at Old Trafford.

Before that, the dreaded treble had looked not so much possible as easy. But in two games the swaggering confidence was dented. One began to speculate on the chances of an impossible hat-trick of narrow failures.

Many fancied Charlton for an upset win, most of the Charlton players among them. Conquerors of Blackburn Rovers in the last round, they went at United with conviction right from the start.

Schmeichel's intervention changed everything. He made a mad charge a dozen yards out of his penalty area, half-blocked Grant's shot with his hand, followed through, caught Grant on the ankle and sent him into orbit. By the time Grant had commenced re-entry, Schmeichel was off.

Alex Ferguson, the United manager, called it a tragedy of Sophoclesian dimension. Well, a tragedy, anyway. Schmeichel is due to miss the Coca-Cola Cup final on March 27, but United are appealing against that.

If they do, they should be heavily fined for frivolity. Ferguson argued that the handball was not intentional, but Schmeichel should have been sent off twice. The upending of Grant was also redcardable. No, come to think of it, Schemichel should have been sent off three times, the third time for ludicrous incompetence.

Quite apart from the morality of professional fouling, Schmeichel's intervention was not "necessary" in that it saved a certain goal. Cover had already moved in behind him. He misread the game totally. Probably he realised that ten yards out of his area, but by then there was no turning back. Off he went.

United were inspired, regalvanised, rejuvenated. At last, they had something to fight for, some imagined injustice, some feeling that they were doing something difficult, exciting, dangerous: that they were white-water canoeists fighting the fury of a river in spate, not on a picnic outing in a punt, cruising to easy applause with the stream.

All the same, it is a terrible shame that in these circumstances a team is permitted to bring on a substitute goalkeeper. That rule allowed United their win. Had they been forced to give some outfielder the chance to clown about in goal, instead of bringing on Sealey, they would have lost. Not that Sealey made any dramatic saves. But he made two or three highly competent goalkeeperly interventions, elementary goalkeeping craftmanship beyond an outfielder's range.

Ferguson decided to bring on Sealey for Hughes, goalscorer and lion-heart, then changed his mind. Rather courageously, he pulled off his right back, Parker. A minute into the second half, Hughes, hastily converted into a ball-winning midfield player, had advanced and scored. The goal came from one of those eternal Giggsian corners. Vaughan, the Charlton goalkeeper, made a fine stop from Hughes's first shot, but the ball fell for Hughes again and that was that.

In the dismissal of Schmeichel, United rediscovered their direction and rediscovered their identity. Charlton, a goal down, needed to chase the game. United have looked, over the last fortnight, shaky in defence, good going forward. In counter-attack, they are supreme. Cantona was played as the lone forward instead of a speedster. His task was not to run at goal but to release the speedsters from midfield, Giggs and Kanchelskis. Giggs, a trifle out of sorts, missed all his chances.

Kanchelskis, who plays every game in a little Ukrainian frenzy, scored twice. He had a devastating afternoon. So did all United's players, once Schmeichel had gone.

In the end, hubris cost them a goal: Leaburn, big, combative and effective, deserved his prize.

United, perhaps, did not altogether deserve their own prize. The sending-off turned the trick for them. The traditional inspirational effect of losing a player was shown to perfection: perhaps Ferguson should consider *starting* a man down. Surely no side in the country will be able to live with that. What? They've only got ten men? We're *doomed*.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): P Schmeichel — P Parker (sub: L Sealey, 44min), S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin — A Kanchelskis, R Keane, P Ince, R Giggs — E Cantona, M Hughes.

CHARLTON ATHLETIC (4-4-2): J Vaughan — S Brown, A McLeary, S Balmer, S Minto — M Robson, D Pitcher, A Pardew, G Nelson — K Grant (sub: C Walsh, 58), C Leaburn.

Referee: R Hart.

Bolton waste chance to create history

Bolton Wanderers 0
Oldham Athletic 1

BY DAVID MILLER

FOOTBALL is tribalistic. Never more so than in the FA Cup and, most passionately of all, when the combatants are from towns only 15 miles apart. Losing at home to Oldham Athletic and conceding the winning goal only 6½ minutes from time was infinitely more painful for Bolton Wanderers than had they been defeated by Everton, Arsenal or Aston Villa, their victims in the earlier rounds.

History beckoned. The remarkable run of Bruce Rioch's team, having narrowly survived a first-round tie with Gretna, had opened the way towards the club's first semi-final since 1958. Then, they went on to Wembley, overpowering the makeshift, post-Munich Manchester United side with two goals that included the inimitable Nat Lofthouse's illegal charging of Harry Gregg in the back. Maybe Bolton had somehow deserved that win, after being robbed by Stanley Matthews five years earlier.

That 1958 victory has been Bolton's only post-war success, if one is to exclude such prosaic pedestals as the Sherpa Van and Freight Rover trophies. This, therefore, was the big one.

They deserved to win and had only themselves to blame for not doing so, wasting much of 80 minutes' dominance before Patterson's backpass provided Beckford with the spoils on a plate. Until that moment, expectation of fresh glory had swelled local emotions, the old wooden main stand vibrating to chants and stamping.

Over in one corner, the Oldham followers stood, wet and mostly depressed by the continuity of chilly drizzle and Bolton attacks. Burnden Park is still redolent of Victorian times, even if the terrace behind the north goal has been corrupted by the building of a supermarket.

The east side is little changed from 40 or 60 years ago: the exposed, Lowryesque corrogated stand is more like a big hay barn than a home of entertainment, with the old railway running behind it, an echo of an era when east Lancashire was the heart of English professional football. It still carries evocative northern advertisements such as "Thistlethwaites Tyres".

Most cup crowds suspend serious attention to the laws, especially when these might favour the other side, but with the crowd of 20,000 being twice that of regular Endsleigh Insurance League first division matches, there were audibly many who were ignorant of the laws, even had they been relieved of their unabated prejudice. Opinion of Kelvin Morton, the luckless referee, ranged from the blasphemous to slanderous.

A normal cup-tie, you might say. At least Morton displeased spectators equally. Six minutes before half-time, Coyle, the Bolton centre forward, seemed to be brought down from behind by Jobson 16 yards out. No penalty. Scarcely had home indignation subsided than Davison, the Bolton goalkeeper, pursued Beckford as the Oldham striker shielded the ball from him near the by-line and then pulled him down by both ankles. Morton's egalitarianism was unimpeachable.

Well, not quite. Having booked Henry and Beckford, of Oldham, midway through the first half as the level of challenges became alarming, he failed to respond similarly when Patterson's foul on Pedersen, the Norway right back, caused him not only to be carried off but to miss the World Cup finals with a ruptured cruciate ligament.

FA CUP

If Bolton and Oldham were to swap league places, as they may, none could complain. Oldham were poor, improving only slightly with stronger defensive organisation in the second half. On a truer pitch, Bolton might have sewn it up. Rioch, their manager, was philosophical, saying that his team had given so much before that this was not a time for agony and, besides, they were still in the running for promotion play-offs.

Perhaps the turning point for Bolton came in the opening minutes, when Kelly's free kick was beaten out and Seagraves, up in support, hooked a right-foot shot against the crossbar. It was Seagraves who, in the third minute of the second half, sent the nimble Coyle through on the left, but his 16-yard cross-shot drifted wide of the far post. Oldham dug in and their reward — poetic justice, it might be said, after the earlier foul — came with Patterson's gift to Beckford.

BOLTON WANDERERS (4-4-2): A Davison — P Brown, M Seagraves, A Stubbs, J Phillips — D Lee, A Kelly, J McAteer, M Patterson (sub: A Walker, 85min) — O Coyle, J McGinlay.

OLDHAM ATHLETIC (4-4-2): J Hallworth — T Pedersen (sub: N Pointon, 61), R Jobson, S Redmond, C Makin — N Henry, P Barnard, M Milligan, R Holden — D Beckford, G Sharp.

Referee: K Morton.

Liverpool give Kop winning send-off

Liverpool 2
Everton 1

BY OLIVER HOLT

RELUCTANTLY but passionately, the Kop bade farewell to the last Merseyside derby that will ever be inspired by its fervour last night. It was not the best of games, for these are no longer the best of teams, but Liverpool dredged up a stirring win nevertheless to satisfy the denizens of Anfield's famous terracing, which will be demolished at the end of the season.

Ian Rush and Robbie Fowler, old hero and new, brought Liverpool the points with two well-taken first-half goals, but with both teams in the unusual position of being out of contention for trophies after so many glorious years, the importance of the 150th League meeting between the two clubs lay in Liverpool's desire to give the Kop a winning derby send-off.

They succeeded despite going a goal behind in the first half and fierce Everton pressure in the second. They even managed to score both goals in front of the swaying red hordes. They cheered the television personality, Roy Castle, to the rafters when he led the two teams on, they went through their full repertoire of scarf-waving and singing.

At first, it seemed Liverpool would not respond. Their fortunes seem to have declined in tandem with the blight the Taylor Report cast upon the Kop after so many of the club's supporters were killed at Hillsborough. They still appear to be in the midst of a painfully prolonged period of transition and played their part in an abysmal opening 20 minutes yesterday.

Lacking conviction and fluency, they fell behind to Watson's headed goal from Preki's free kick in the 21st minute, but the goal seemed to galvanise them and Rush, Liverpool's talisman for more than a decade and the scourge of Everton, scored his 25th goal in derby games within 30 seconds of the restart when the visitors let Dicks's through ball bounce through their defence to the Welsh striker.

Liverpool could have gone further ahead three minutes later when McManaman directed his diving header from Redknapp's cross just wide and, three minutes before half-time, Southall tipped McManaman's drive round the post. One minute later, Fowler, once an Everton supporter but now returning from injury to play in his first derby, put Liverpool ahead. He timed his run to beat Everton's offside trap, accepted Barnes's pass and dispatched his shot past Southall.

Rush nearly added to his tally early in the second half when he ran on to Whelan's through ball and clipped the ball left footed past the onrushing Southall, but the Welsh goalkeeper blocked it with his feet and it rebounded to safety. Minutes later, Southall rescued Everton again when he smothered the ball at the feet of Barnes.

Watson wasted Everton's best chance of an equaliser in the 71st minute when he shot high and wide from ten yards after the ball had broken to him in a goalmouth scramble. By then, though, Southall had performed more heroics by pushing out McManaman's curling chip and then clawing it away from the onrushing Fowler.

Liverpool tired in the closing stages and Everton pinned them in their own half in front of the Kop for much of the final ten minutes. It was left to Liverpool's goalkeeper, James, to leave the standing supporters with their last outstanding derby memory by palming Beagrie's left-foot volley over the bar in the dying seconds.

LIVERPOOL (4-4-2): D James — R Jones, M Wright, N Ruddock, J Dicks — J Barnes, R Whelan, J Redknapp, S McManaman — I Rush, R Fowler.

EVERTON (4-4-2): N Southall — M Jackson, I Snodin, D Watson, A Hinchcliffe — G Stuart, J Ebbrell, P Beagrie, Preki — A Cottee, B Angell.

Referee: K Cooper (Swindon).

Le Tissier labours to make critics eat their words

Southampton 1
Sheffield Wednesday 1

BY PETER ROBINSON

ALAN Hansen is a star, no doubt about it, a man with a sharp wit and an even sharper dress sense. As a player, he was one of the best, a sculptured cornerstone of the most successful English club side since the war; as a television pundit, he is *Match of the Day*'s discovery of the Nineties, the housewives' favourite.

But Hansen's popularity grinds to a halt on the Winchester bypass. In Southampton, Hansen has become the "bringer of darkness, the Scottish-know-nothing-about-entertaining-football". Each time the words "super de luxe" roll off the television, they are greeted by an audible hiss.

"How dare he?" bitter voices wail as hands are clasped to stinging ears. "How can he say such such terrible things about our Matty?" Matty — Matthew Le Tissier — Southampton's talisman.

Hansen's suspicions of Le Tissier's inimitable talent have become this season's running gag on *Match of the Day*, each spectacular goal earning a: "Well Alan, what did you think of that?" A smile follows and then those words: "He's a super-luxury player." Hiss. That nice Mr Hansen has deeply upset the faithful.

Of course, he has a point. Mere brilliance never won anything, although, goaded by his new team manager, Alan Ball, Le Tissier is trying, trying to work harder, trying to be more aggressive. However, on Saturday's evidence, he is getting it wrong. Aggression does not mean bitching.

Yes, there was Le Tissier making a textbook tackle at left back: yes, he was deadly from dead-ball situations; but the abiding image was of Le Tissier leading a stream of moaning players past the unfortunate David Crick — unfortunate because Crick should have been a linesman, but was pressed into service as a stop-gap referee when Roger Milford failed to turn up.

Le Tissier should instead have thanked Crick for not sending him off after 16 minutes for dissent, as should Dowie and Pearce just before half-time after they indulged in that curious footballing ritual of rubbing foreheads.

With tempers cooling, Wednesday took the lead through the skipping Bart-Williams, but Southampton equalised, deservedly, when Le Tissier's predictably perfect free kick picked out Monkou.

Since Le Tissier was the subject for discussion afterwards, Trevor Francis, the Wednesday manager, quoted statistics — "Over the last five years he has scored more goals than any other Premiership player [84 in the league, 96 in all], extraordinary for a player in his position" — before warning he may yet improve. If he does, Hansen will have to eat his words.

SOUTHAMPTON (5-2-1-2): D Beasant — J Kenna, K Monkou, S Wood (sub: N Benger, 77min), F Benali, S Charlton — J Magilton, N Maddison — M Le Tissier — I Dowie, C Maskell (sub: P Allen, 62).

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (2-3-3-2): K Pressman — D Walker, A Pearce — R Nilsson, S Coleman, P King — C Bart-Williams, C Palmer, A Sinton — G Watson, M Bright.

Referee: D Crick.

Leeds blown by typical Sheffield rally

Sheffield United 2
Leeds United 2

BY PETER BALL

SHEFFIELD United may be down, but no side managed by Dave Bassett can be counted out until the final whistle. After being outclassed for over an hour by Leeds yesterday, goals by Jostein Flo and Brian Gayle, the second in injury-time, earned them a vital draw in a fierce wind at Bramall Lane yesterday.

The point leaves Sheffield United in 21st place, five points behind Manchester City in the safe nineteenth position, but the Yorkshire side has a game in hand. It is still a parlous situation, but their spirit could yet save them and yesterday it left Leeds looking bemused after they had controlled most of the game.

For an hour, it had seemed certain to be Leeds's day. Humourists say there are two T-shirts selling well in West Yorkshire. They bear the legends "I've seen Brian Deane score" and "I've seen David O'Leary play for Leeds". Yesterday, though, O'Leary played and, after making the first goal for Speed, Deane scored his first goal in 13 games, then embarked on an elaborate lap of celebration.

It was still not enough. Deane is prolific by the standards of Flo, but as Sheffield battled their way back into the game, Flo scored his first goal for Sheffield since October 2 to complete a good week for the Norwegians. He had scored his country's first in Cardiff against Wales.

Then Gayle claimed his second in two games, good going for a central defender, although Bassett was less than impressed: "He owed us one because I thought he should have done better to stop Deane's goal," Bassett said ungraciously.

That anyone scored was a tribute to the players for the gusting wind, almost at gale-force, made motorway driving hazardous and measured football well-nigh impossible. Perhaps it made for greater entertainment than this fixture often offers, although the goalkeepers would not agree. Every high ball was a lottery for them as the wind took it or held it up.

For the match officials, there was less excuse, the wind not explaining incompetence and inconsistency of many of their decisions, particularly the offside calls. On this occasion, the Leeds supporters' paranoia had some justification as they suffered the worst with Speed, a second goal questionably denied him, while at the other end Flo's strike looked offside.

Yet even the winds could not disguise Leeds's superiority and they had only themselves to blame that they did not win the match with a lot to spare. Their form has been patchy of late, but, with O'Leary adding composure at the back, they looked solid — at least until that final hectic 15 minutes and they conquered the conditions well enough to create a string of chances.

Leeds's chances went begging; Strachan, Wallace and Deane all missing fine openings before Sheffield mounted their final assault. First Flo hit home a splendid falling volley and then the tall Norwegian flicked on Alan Kelly's long free kick for Gayle to hit the post and then push home the rebound as Leeds's defence fell apart.

SHEFFIELD UNITED (4-4-2): A Kelly — C Bradshaw, D Tuttle, B Gayle, R Nilsen — F Carr (sub: N Blake, 84min), C Kamara, J Gannon, G Hodges (sub: P Beesley 84) — J Flo, R Davison.

LEEDS UNITED (4-1-3-2): J Lukic — G Kelly, D O'Leary, D Wetherall, A Dorigo — C Fairclough — G Strachan, G McAllister, G Speed — R Wallace, B Deane.

Referee: L Dilkes.

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PREMIERSHIP AT A GLANCE

		Played	Points	Goal diff	Recent form
1	Manchester Utd	30	68	+31	WWWDL
2	Blackburn	31	64	+23	WWDLW
3	Newcastle	31	54	+26	LLWWW
4	Arsenal	31	54	+22	DDDWW
5	Liverpool	32	50	+8	LLWLW
6	Leeds	31	49	+12	LWDDD
7	Aston Villa	31	49	+9	WDDWL
8	Sheffield Wed	31	45	+14	WWDLD
9	Norwich	32	44	+7	DDDLL
10	QPR	29	43	+7	LWLDW
11	Wimbledon	30	42	-5	LWLWW
12	Everton	32	41	-8	LDWLW
13	Coventry	32	38	-6	DWLLL
14	West Ham	30	38	-10	LDDDD
15	Everton	32	37	-8	WDDWL
16	Tottenham	32	32	-4	LLLDD
17	Chelsea	29	32	-8	DLLWW
18	Southampton	31	32	-9	LWWDD
19	Manchester City	32	30	-16	LDWDL
20	Oldham	31	27	-24	DWWDL
21	Sheffield Utd	31	25	-21	LDLDD
22	Swindon	33	24	-43	LDLDL

Weekly change: Up — Stayed the same — Down

Breakdown of order mars Bath's success

Bath 24
Wasps 8

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THERE is an unwritten contract between referee and players: the one should recognise the intent of the others who should, in turn, respect the authority of the official. When the contract is adhered to, the consequence can be magical. When it is broken, the shambles that was on view at Bath's Recreation Ground on Saturday occurs.

The losers were the 6,000 or so spectators who paid good money to stand in a chilly wind and watch the leaders of the Courage Clubs Championship play the third-placed club in what passed for a game of rugby union. At least Bath had the compensation of victory, by a goal, a try, three penalty goals and a dropped goal to a



Callard: try in each half

try and a penalty, which keeps their relentless pursuers, Leicester, at arm's length.

Disagreement over culpability is inevitable. Ryan, the Wasps captain, trying desperately to be diplomatic, called for the top referees to handle leading club games. Hall, Bath's captain, blamed the laws. As it happens, Geraint Davies, from Southport, is a referee of 20 years' standing, 17 on the Rugby Football Union's senior list, with consistently good assessments in this, his last season at the top level, particularly when it comes to law 18 — the tackle and its consequences — which is where much of the trouble arose.

None of the participants can have enjoyed themselves, not even Callard, England's discarded full back, who scored 21 points for Bath. Davies found himself forced to award 48 penalties or free-kicks, an aggregate I can only recall passed by Bertie Smith, of Ireland, who awarded 52 in Australia's match with Monmouthshire in 1992.

"All the teams enjoy coming here, it's the benchmark for club rugby," Ryan said. "If the referee affects the standard of the game, that's something that must be looked at. I think all 30 players were confused."

Davies said: "Normally, I would expect to give about 15 penalties in a game. I was talking to the players all the time and when they listened, they produced some good rugby."

There came a time on Saturday when the players might profitably have been left to get on with the expansive game which comes naturally to both. Given the wary respect which has existed between these two teams since their dramatic cup-final meetings in 1986 and 1987, Davies could be excused for keeping a firm grip on proceedings initially, but when the time came to relax, he did not.

For ten minutes, the game scarcely moved from the halfway line with a succession of inaccurate play and penalty awards. Callard launched ten attempts at goal, Philip Hopley seven, the Bath man succeeding with four and Hopley, with Andrew rested, only one. On the rare occasions they did string together continuous movement Wasps, as always, looked dangerous — but they could not finish.

The sustained play which led to Callard's two tries, one in each half, was in part due to the transformation in the lineout, dominated by Ryan in the first half and by Reed, as befits Scotland's pack leader, in the second.

In the meantime, Leicester were scoring ten tries against Newcastle Gosforth, four of them by another England discard, Tony Underwood, and their points difference is now only four less than Bath's.

"We aren't relying on that, we are relying on beating Leicester," Hall said. "If they win down here [on April 9] and we win the championship on points difference, we would consider that a moral victory to them."

SCORERS: Bath: Tries: Callard (2). Conversion: Callard. Penalty goals: Callard (3). Dropped goal: Barnes. Wasps: Try: Hunter. Penalty goal: P Hopley.
BATH: J Callard; A Swift, P de Glanville, M Catt, A Adebayo; S Barnes, I Sanders; D Hilton, G Dawe, J Mallett, J Hall, N Redman, A Reed, A Robinson, B Clarke. Redman temporarily replaced by T Beddow (24-30 min).
WASPS: A Maddock; P Hopley, D Hopley, G Childs, S Hunter; H Davies, S Bates; G Holmes, P Delaney, J Probyn, F Emerunwa, R Kinsey, M Greenwood, M White, D Ryan.
Referee: G Davies (Liverpool)



The Cambridge front row prepares to pack down in the women's University match for the Varsity Cup at Iffley Road yesterday. Oxford recorded their sixth victory in a row, 12-5, their score coming from tries by Camilla Fry and Jenny Bright and a conversion by Bev Camfield. Julie Potter replied with a try for Cambridge.

Salmon makes cup plea as Harlequins falter

Northampton 15
Harlequins 14

BY BRYAN STILES

HARLEQUINS may be specialists when it comes to cup rugby, but, if they give a repeat of Saturday's performance when they meet Bath in the Pilkington Cup semi-final, they will founder.

That assessment came from Jamie Salmon, their team manager, after emerging from Harlequins' dressing room at Franklin's Gardens: "I told them that display was just not good enough for the cup," Salmon said. He has seen his team fritter away too many points in the Courage Clubs Championship this season, leaving the cup competition as the only chance of reaping some reward for their toil.

The Harlequins pack performed in fits and starts and gave away far too many penalties. Salmon must have been grateful that Paul Grayson, the Northampton goal kicker, missed with six of his eight attempts on goal.

Many of the penalties were awarded for offside and John Pearson, the referee, frequently heard his senior touch judge, Steve Griffiths, warning him when either side strayed offside behind his back. The Rugby Football Union is experimenting with two-way radio links to ease the referee's burden and this was the first time the system had been used in a league game. It was pronounced a resounding success.

The saddest episode in the game occurred when John Fletcher, the Northampton centre, broke his leg in a collision involving several players in the fifteenth minute. The highlights were its three tries, two from Kevin Morgan, the Northampton wing, and one from Daren O'Leary, his opposite number. Morgan scored in the 35th minute and again three minutes after half-time with a defence-splitting swerve before a sharp dash for the line. O'Leary responded with an equally-exhilarating dash, , but Harlequins could not breach the Northampton defence again.

SCORERS: Northampton: Tries: Morgan (2). Conversion: Grayson. Penalty goal: Grayson. Harlequins: Try: O'Leary. Penalties: Challinor (3)
NORTHAMPTON: N Beal; K Morgan, J Fletcher, R MacNaughton, H Thomlynson; P Grayson, B Taylor; C Allen, A Clarke, G Pearce, P Walton, N Edwards, J Phillips, M Stoffen, T Rodber. Fletcher replaced by P Miles (15min).
HARLEQUINS: R Glenister; D O'Leary, W Carling, G Thompson, J Alexander; P Challinor, C Luxton; J Leonard, N Kilick, A Mullins, T Coker, M Russell, S Dear, J Cassell, C Sheasby
Referee: J Pearson (Durham).

Exiles subdued by bleak prospect of relegation

London Irish 12
Gloucester 15

BY PETER BILLS

EVEN the usual post-match *bonhomie*, for which Sunbury is renowned, was subdued by this result. The sobering reality of the price of defeat — almost certain relegation to the second division of the Courage Clubs Championship and the probable loss of their best players — etched a deep concern on the faces of those connected with London Irish.

The Exiles were beaten by the last act of a poor game, Tim Smith's 45-yard penalty goal being drilled through the posts as surely as a nail into their coffin. Smith, exploiting to the full a strong wind with four second-half penalties and a dropped goal, ensured that Gloucester put six points between themselves and London Irish in the second relegation position. With Bath and Leicester two of Exiles' last four league opponents, escape seems improbable.

They lack the overall strength appropriate to the first division, a few worthy and talented individuals being unable to mask the deficiencies of the majority. Securing possession was not the problem, but the backs lacked penetration. Geoghegan found only a part-time role and Gloucester's defence always seemed able to cope.

Gloucester restricted Irish to three Corcoran penalty goals before the interval, when wind advantage decreed Exiles needed 20 points. Gloucester enjoyed greater calm, control and direction at half back, even though their own game was limited. Smith launched the Gloucester scoring, three minutes after half-time, with a dropped goal.

A match so riddled with errors on a cold, blustery afternoon had little aesthetic appeal. Its importance to both sides was apparent as Exiles regained the lead from 9-9 with Corcoran's penalty into the wind. The advantage was at once eroded by a needless infringement. Smith kicking Gloucester level.

SCORERS: London Irish: Penalty goals: Corcoran (4). Gloucester: Penalty goals: T Smith (4). Dropped goal: T Smith.
LONDON IRISH: J Staples, M Corcoran, R Henderson, D Curtis, S Geoghegan; P Burke, R Saunders; N Donovan R Kollam, G Halpin, C Bird, R Sussum, C Hall, R Jenkins. P Collins. Burke replaced by S Burns (77min)
GLOUCESTER: T Smith; P Halford D Caskie, B Maslem, S Morris, D Cummins, B Fenley; A Windo, D Kearsley, A Deacon, P Glanville, S Devereux, R West, P Ashmead, D Sims. Maslem replaced by J Pemns (40min); Pemns replaced by A Nicholls (70min)
Referee: E Morrison (RFU).

Wales advancing with enviable depth

Wales A 42
Canada A 11

BY GERALD DAVIES

AFTER six years of steady decline on the field and another half-dozen when self-respect was forfeited both on and off it, Welsh rugby is now posing the question whether this season represents the moment of regeneration. Whether it will be merely a pleasant interlude, only time will tell.

There is the little matter of Twickenham on Saturday; but that, for the moment, is only partly the point. Let us relax while we may. If the senior national team has dug into its reserves of character and confidence, the signs are rose-coloured elsewhere, too — like, for instance, this A team's avenging victory over Canada.

The season's story does not end there. In all ten of the other games played at various age-group levels, from schools upwards, Wales have yet to lose. Moreover, with an additional seven tries on Saturday at Cardiff Arms Park, Wales, in these groups, have scored 57 tries against 15. It is not an irrelevant statistic to an extent — as this match confirmed — it indicates a style of play.

This is not to suggest passing the ball willy-nilly; it is a matter of choosing the moment. There was a rich variety in Wales's play, orchestrated from stand-off half by Adrian Davies, who was so unimaginative in November, when the senior team lost to Canada.

There were some good interplay among the forwards, where Taylor was often influential; McBryde, Gwyn Jones and Williams were prominent, too. Among the backs, Boobyer and Lewis balanced cleverly in midfield while Manley and Wilkins showed they are capable of beating the first line of defence. Behind them was Ian Jones, who is simply a joy to watch. With so many games scheduled in the next six months, he must challenge for the senior full back position.

As for Canada, sooner or later they will have to ignore their limiting tactics. Pettigrew, at stand-off half, like Gareth Rees in the senior team, is too fond of the boot. Their tactics seem to be based on damage limitation. It was ten minutes into the second half before they presented any purposeful attack, by which time Wales were 27-6 ahead.

It was more exciting after that, but why wait for so long? As they enter World Cup year, a big step, tactically, must be taken. They will have to venture more: their development requires it.

Adrian Davies had kicked a penalty goal after four minutes, and by half-time he, Howley and Boobyer had scored tries: Pettigrew answered with a dropped goal. After the interval, Boobyer's second try was followed by Pettigrew's penalty goal and Penaluna's try, but Wales then ended with a flourish, with two tries by Ian Jones and one by Stephen Williams.

SCORERS: Wales: Tries: Howley, Davies, Boobyer (2), I Jones (2), Williams. Conversions: Davies (2). Penalty goal: Davies. Canada: Try: Penaluna. Penalty goal: Pettigrew. Dropped goal: Pettigrew.
WALES A: I Jones (Llanelli); D Manley (Pontypridd), N Boobyer (Llanelli), S Lewis (Pontypridd), G Wilkins (Bridgend); A Davies (Cardiff, captain), R Howley (Bridgend); M Griffiths (Cardiff), R McBryde (Swansea), L Mustoe (Cardiff), H Taylor (Cardiff), G Prosser (Pontypridd), P Arnold (Swansea), G Jones (Llanelli), S Williams (Neath). Howley replaced by D Jones (Cardiff, 78min); Williams replaced by P John (Pontypridd, 63)
CANADA: J Penaluna (University of Victoria); R Toews (Meralomas), D Clarke (Swilers), S Lyzon (Marslomes), R Wheeldon (Velox Valhallans); S Pettigrew (Balmy Beach), A Tynan (University of British Columbia); T Moen (James Bay AA), M Cardinal (James Bay AA); R Bice (Vancouver Rowing Club), A Phillips (Vancouver Rowing Club), I Cooper (Vancouver Rowing Club), M James (Burnaby), J Hutchison (Yeoman/University of BC Old Boys), G Ennis (Vancouver Kats/Suntory RFC, captain).
Referee: D McHugh (Ire).

Rotherham bandwagon seems irresistible

Barry Trowbridge extols the virtues of an ambitious and unsung Yorkshire club for whom promotion beckons

Which club, of the 66 that are playing in the national divisions of the Courage Clubs Championship this season, has the best playing record in league matches since they began, in the autumn of 1987? Bath? Leicester? For all their doggedness, Wasps? No; it is Rotherham. Hard to believe, perhaps; but statistics, at least those of the win-lose-draw variety, do not lie.

Even experts would be hard-pushed to justify listing the South Yorkshire town much higher than, say, thirtieth in a top ten of centres for rugby excellence in England; but, not-so-slowly and decidedly surely, Rotherham is making its mark.

Only the restructuring of the national divisions at the end of last season — to accommodate ten sides in the top four tiers — caused a hiccup in Rotherham's progress, when, by finishing second, on points' difference, to Harrogate in the fourth division north, they found themselves "relegated" to the fifth division north for this winter. Judging by their victorious 11-10 performance against Preston Grasshoppers at Clifton Lane on Saturday and considering that Harrogate stand second only to Clifton in the division above, they will not be there for long.

Adjusting their play perfectly to what the experts standing amid the foundations of the embryonic new stand determined to be between a "ten-point" and "12-point wind", Rotherham recorded their sixtieth league victory in 71 matches (they have lost eight, Bath 12!) to move three points behind Grasshoppers with two matches in hand.

Promotion beckons; but it is as much the feeling of confidence and expectation in the clubhouse as performances on the field that has furthered the Rotherham cause and steered them through three divisions, from the relatively humble beginnings of North-East 1 6½ years ago.

Then, the target was, according to Allan Williams, the club chairman, treasurer and press officer (it is that kind of set-up) "to break into the ranks of the senior clubs in the north of England". Now, with only Orrell from that group missing from their fixture list — "Let's be realistic," Williams said — new goals have been found. Top of the list is the completion of that new stand.

It has been planned for six seasons. Government finance has been sought for three, but, whatever that brings, Williams insisted that "it will be ready for next season, however we have to do it".

Realistically, it will be at least another season before the Bentleys of Richmond, Rosslyn Park, etc — and their owners, who are used to seating — make their way to Rotherham. For the time being, it is Bentley's in a liquid form, provided by Whitbread — "A valuable contributor," Williams said — that satisfies the appetite, as well as some stirring stuff on the field.

There, they never looked troubled, despite the deceptive scoreline. Kicking into the wind, Steve Worrall, the RAF scrum half, landed a penalty goal for the only score of the first half, though was wayward with his attempted conversion after John Dudley was credited with a forwards' try wide on the left with 11 minutes remaining.

The decision to play Kevin Plant, made after a fitness test half-an-hour before kick-off, was justified when he dropped a delightful goal with a minute left and only then did Rotherham relax, allowing Ian Jackson the simplest of tries under the posts. By then, though, the clock read 84 minutes and the Rotherham bandwagon was rolling on.

SCORERS: Rotherham: Try: Dudley. Penalty goal: Worrall. Dropped goal: Plant. Preston Grasshoppers: Try: Jackson. Conversion: Hindle. Penalty goal: Hindle.
ROTHERHAM: D Pullan; G Adams, S Hough, J Sarby, P Scott; K Plant, S Worrall, S Bunting, T Beyston, S Coy; A Challinor, J Dudley, I Gressor, G West, R Selkirk. S Hebdon temporary replacement for Bunting.
PRESTON GRASSHOPPERS: J Chesworth; J Hindle, J Moore, A Teylorson, B Greenwood; I Jackson, J Bloasdale; L Bell, P Carter, N Leaming, N Ashton, W Dooley, N Ashton, S Holden, J Laker. Ashton replaced by M Bailey (42min); Bleasdale replaced by W Mould (51).
Referee: G Beaumont (London).

TOUR AND WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

Tour match

Wales A 42 Canada 11

Wales A: Tries: Boobyer 2, Jones 2, A Davies, Howley, S Williams. Cons: A Davies 2. Pens: A Davies. Canada: Tries: Penaluna. Pens: Pettigrew. Dropped goal: Pettigrew.

Courage Clubs Championship

First division

Bath 24 Wasps 8
Bath: Tries: Callard 2. Cons: Callard. Pens: Callard 3. Dropped goal: Barnes. Wasps: Tries: Hunter. Pens: P Hopley.

Bristol 30 Orrell 17
Bristol: Tries: Hull 2, Bracken. Cons: Talnton 3. Pens: Talnton 3. Orrell (3) 17. Tries: Harrier, Hayter. Cons: Ainscough 2. Pens: Langford.

Leicester 66 Newcastle G 5
Leicester: Tries: T Underwood 4, Back 2, Hackney 2, Robinson, Rowntree. Cons: Harris 5. Pens: Harris 2. Newcastle Gosforth: Tries: Wilkinson.

London Irish 12 Gloucester 15
London Irish: Pens: Corcoran 4. Gloucester: Pens: T Smith 4. Dropped goal: T Smith.

Northampton 15 Harlequins 14
Northampton: Tries: Morgan 2. Cons: Grayson. Pens: Grayson. Harlequins: Tries: O'Leary. Pens: Challinor 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	14	13	0	1	324	126	26
Leicester	14	12	0	2	334	140	24
Wasps	14	8	1	5	277	250	17
Harlequins	14	7	0	7	296	190	14
Northampton	14	7	0	7	226	265	14
Bristol	13	6	0	7	209	211	12
Gloucester	14	5	2	7	188	250	12
Orrell	13	5	0	8	201	216	10
L Irish	13	3	0	10	138	280	6
Newcastle G	13	0	1	12	117	350	1

LEADING SCORERS: 173: J Harris (Leicester; 2 tries, 14 conversions, 34 penalty goals, 11 dropped goals). 166: R Andrew (Wasps; 2t, 16c, 38pg, 1dg). 148: J Callard (Bath; 4t, 19c, 30pg). 126: P Grayson (Northampton; 2t, 10c, 31pg; 1dg). 106: K Bray (Harlequins; 1t, 7c, 30pg). 97: M Tainton (Bristol; 11c, 25pg). 69: T Smith (Gloucester; 6c, 18pg, 1dg). 69: S Langford (Orrell; 7c, 15pg).

Second division

Moseley 27 L Scottish 12
Moseley: Tries: Linnett, Shillingford, Smith, Watson. Cons: Hodgkinson 2. Pens: Hodgkinson. London Scottish: Pens: Walker 4.

Nottingham 18 Saracens 9
Nottingham: Pens: Gregory 6. Saracens: Pens: Tunningley 3

Otley 16 Waterloo 21
Otley: Tries: Adrian Scott, Wilson. Cons: Rutledge. Pens: Rutledge. Waterloo: Pens: Swindells 6. Dropped goals: Atchison

Rugby 8 Sale 21
Rugby: Tries: Bishop. Pens: Mapletoft. Sale: Tries: Verbickas 2, Mallender. Pens: Jee 2.

Wakefield 10 W Hartlepool 11
Wakefield: Tries: Edwards. Cons: Jackson. Pens: Jackson. West Hartlepool: Tries: P Evans. Pens: Parker 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W Hartlepool	14	12	1	1	321	153	25
Sale	14	11	1	2	345	107	23
Saracens	14	9	1	4	212	169	19
Wakefield	14	5	3	6	247	181	13
Moseley	14	6	0	8	205	178	12
Nottingham	14	5	1	8	174	233	11
Waterloo	14	5	1	8	178	278	11
Rugby	14	4	1	9	133	230	9
Otley	14	4	1	9	180	347	9
L Scottish	14	4	0	10	168	237	8

LEADING SCORERS: 126: G Gregory (Nottingham; 1 try, 5 conversions, 33 penalty goals, 4 dropped goals). 123: A Tunningley (Saracens; 4t, 11c, 27pg). 106: P Turner (Sale; 1t, 23c, 18pg, 1dg). 98: J Stabler (West Hartlepool; 1t, 15c, 19pg, 2dg). 88: S Swindells (Waterloo; 3c, 30pg). 91: M Mapletoft (Rugby; 5c, 6c, 17pg, 1dg). 90: P Rutledge (Otley; 2t, 7c, 22pg). 81: R Lilley (Wakefield; 9c, 21pg).

Third division

Bedford 6 Blackheath 0
Bedford: Pens: Finnie 2.

Exeter 19 Redruth 12
Exeter: Tries: Dovell, Cons: Stewart. Pens: Stewart 4. Redruth: Pens: Blake 4.

Fylde 15 Coventry 9
Fylde: Tries: O'Toole, Parker. Cons: Parker. Pens: Parker. Coventry: Pens: Angell 3.

Richmond 23 Morley 10
Richmond: Tries: Greenwood, Roe. Cons: Hood 2. Pens: Hood 3. Morley: Tries: Cayzer, Stowe.

Rosslyn P 46 Havant 6
Rosslyn Park: Tries: Brooks 3, Allison, Davison, Griffen, Stork. Cons: Abrahram 4. Pens: Abraham. Havant: Tries: White. Pens: Russell.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Coventry	14	11	0	3	286	202	22
Fylde	14	9	0	5	235	183	18
Bedford	13	9	0	4	228	181	18
Exeter	14	8	1	5	264	208	17
Richmond	14	8	0	6	272	203	16
Blackheath	14	8	0	6	230	178	16
Rosslyn Pk	13	7	1	5	248	171	15
Morley	14	4	0	10	185	259	8
Havant	14	3	0	11	188	348	6
Redruth	14	1	0	13	135	332	2

LEADING SCORERS: 125: A Green (Exeter; 3 tries, 16 conversions, 24 penalty goals, 2 dropped goals). 113: A Finnie (Bedford; 10c, 29pg, 2dg). 100: J Grayshon (Morley; 11c, 23pg, 3dg). 91: R Angell (Coventry; 14c, 20pg, 1dg). 82: M Livesey (Richmond; 1t, 14c, 17pg, 2dg). 83: A Parker (Fylde; 1t, 12c, 18pg). 66: S Burns (Blackheath; 2t, 4c, 16pg). 63: J Hood (Richmond; 1t, 8c, 14pg).

Fourth division

Askeans	12	Harrogate	16
Liverpool St H	33	Leeds	10
Plymouth	39	Broughton P	15
Sheffield	20	Aspatria	22
Sudbury	16	Clifton	28

Fifth division north

Birmingham S	12	Wirrington P	9
Durham	19	Bradford & B	11
Kendal	11	Hereford	6
Lichfield	7	Walsall	18
Nuneaton	19	Stourbridge	18
Rotherham	11	Preston G	10

Fifth division south

Basingstoke	10	N Walsham	26
Barry Hill	16	Southend	12
Camborne	3	Reading	3
High Wycombe	7	Tabard	14
L Welsh	58	Maidstone	3
Lydney	16	Met Police	7

McEwan's League

First division

Boroughmuir 22 Kelso 3
Boroughmuir: Tries: Jennings, Marrion, Stark. Cons: Esmon 2. Pens: Esmon. Kelso: Pens: Aitchison

Currie 10 Melrose 74
Currie: Tries: Plumb. Cons: Morrison. Pens: Morrison. Melrose: Tries: Brown 3, Brotherstone 2, G Parker 2, Chalmers, Hogg, Shield, G Weir, penalty try. Cons: G Parker 7.

Gala 26 Stewart's Mel FP 17
Gala: Tries: Amos, Townsend, Waddell. Cons: Dodds. Pens: Dodds 3. Stewart's Mel FP: Tries: Burns, Kittle, Lockie Cons: Rockhart.

Heriots FP 3 Hawick 49
Heriots FP: Pens: Glasgow Hawicic: Tries: Sharp 2, Stanger 2, Wilson 2, Graham, Oliver. Cons: Oliver 3. Pens: Oliver.

Jed-Forest 13 Watsonians 24
Jed-Forest: Tries: Amos, Hynd. Pens: McKenchie. Watsonians: Tries: S Hastings 2, Garry. Cons: G Hastings 2. Hodge Pens: G Hastings.

Selkirk 3 Edinburgh Ac 56
Selkirk: Pens: Nichol. Edinburgh Acad: Tries: Other 5. Cons: Shepherd 4. Pens: Shepherd.

W of Scotland 9 Stirling Co 15
West of Scotland: Pens: Barratt 2, Williamson. Stirling County: Tries: Hamilton. Cons: Hamilton, Williamson. Pens: Hamilton, Williamson.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melrose	12	11	0	1	391	170	22
Edinburgh Acad	13	8	1	4	264	183	17
Gala	11	8	0	3	252	193	16
Heriots FP	12	7	0	5	230	224	14
Watsonians	13	7	0	6	276	337	14
Stirling Co	11	6	1	4	209	143	13
Hawick	12	6	0	6	197	155	12
Jed-Forest	12	6	0	6	209	170	12
Currie	12	6	0	6	220	264	12
Stewart's Mel	13	5	1	7	157	190	11
Boroughmuir	12	5	0	7	214	226	10
W of Scotland	13	4	1	8	237	279	9
Kelso	12	3	0	9	155	280	6
Selkirk	13	0	1	12	138	312	1

Second division

Ayr	19	Glasgow Ac	0
Glasgow H	23	Biggar	3
Haddington	15	Clarkston	20
Kirkcaldy	16	Musselburgh	8
Peebles	25	Grangemouth	12
Preston Lodge	3	Dundee HSFP	42
Wigtownshire	21	Edinburgh W	17

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Second division

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First division

Dungannon	14	Old Wesley	16
Garryowen	27	Greystones	6
Shannon	3	Cork Con	18
St Mary's Coll	27	Wanderers	15
Young Munster	10	Blackrock Coll	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Garryowen	8	7	0	1	183	99	14
Blackrock Coll	7	6	0	1	110	63	12
Cork Con	7	5	0	2	134	72	10
Y Munster	9	5	0	4	91	122	10
St Mary's	8	4	0	4	123	127	8
Lansdowne	8	4	0	4	123	128	8
Dungannon	8	3	0	5	149	117	6
Shannon	8	3	0	5	80	92	6
Old Wesley	9	3	0	6	90	121	6
Greystones	8	3	0	5	76	131	6
Wanderers	8	1	0	7	114	197	2

Second division

Bellina	5	Galwegians	15
Ballymena	12	Terenure	23
Malone	6	Dolphin	13
O Belvedere	22	Bangor	7
Sunday's Well	15	Instonians	9

Club matches

Aberavon	35	Llandovery	14
Cardiff	41	Maesteg	9
Cross Keys	11	Penarth	18
Glam Wndrs	10	Newport	9
Llanelli	48	Tenby Utd	6
Llanharan	6	Swansea	8
Neath	28	Aberillery	6
Stoke	10	Manchester	8



ed by bleak relegation

Cambridge display precision as Leander outclassed

BY MIKE ROSEWELL

ANOTHER boatload of Great Britain internationals was outclassed by the Cambridge University Boat Race crew on the River Thames on Saturday. Leander, with six internationals, including the Olympic and world champions, Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, were beaten in two half-course rows by four-length margins.

At a striking rate lower than their prestigious opponents, Cambridge's style and precision, even when dealing with rolling waves and blade clashes, were marvellous to watch, leaving Leander wallowing in a half-swamped boat by the end.

Oxford's test against London University began badly when they announced that Adam Pearson, their No 5, had had to be withdrawn just two weeks before the Boat Race. Pearson, unwell for some weeks, was found to be suffering from viral myocarditis, an infection that can be life-threatening if rest is not taken. His place was taken against London by Rob Clegg in a race over half the course.

After an untidy start, London held a narrow lead for three minutes until Oxford's coxswain, Liz Chick, ignored an umpire's warning and a collision occured, leaving London's British international, Tim Foster, flat on his back.

When the race restarted, London moved into a lead of more than a length, but Oxford displayed their grit to win by a canvas.

The water had flattened by the start of the women's Head race and Thames RC, including Miriam Batten, at stroke, and four other internationals, shattered the course record by 23 seconds to beat their main rivals, a high-pedigreee crew from Tideway Scullers.

RESULTS: Womens Eights Head: 1, Thames A, 18min 30sec (Open winners; record); 2, Tideway Scullers A, 19:01; 3, Kingston A, 19:26; 4, Staines A, 19:25.4; 5, Thames Tradesmen A, 19:31 (Senior 1 winners); 6, Thames Tradesmen B, 19:48; 7, Bedford, 19:47; 8, London Univ (University winners), 19:49; 9, Imperial College A, 19:49.8 (Senior 2 winners); 10, Tideway Scullers B, 19:56. Other winners: Senior 3: Bristol Univ, 20:22. Overseas: Bonner and Segburger (Ger), 20:23. School: Bedford HS, 20:37. Novice: Jesus, Cambridge, 20:56. Veteran: St Andrew, Edinburgh, 21:10.

Britain wins five gold medals in European championships

Grant scales new heights to reach for indoor title

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT IN PARIS

DALTON Grant yesterday became the first British athlete for 44 years to win a men's European high jump title. As a champion who learned all his athletics in Britain, he presented a contrast to the American connections of the other two British winners on the final day of the European indoor championships here.

Grant's victory, and those of Du'aine Ladejo, in the 400 metres, and David Strang, in the 1,500 metres, raised the British gold medal tally to five after Colin Jackson's double in the 60 metres and 60 metres hurdles.

Britain thus finished second to Russia, who took nine golds. Rod Finch's bronze medal in the 3,000 metres increased Britain's total medals haul to seven, but how much credit Britain can take for Ladejo's rise, or Strang's, is difficult to measure.

Ladejo was not an athlete when he went to the United States in 1987 and became one only because his college basketball coach, thinking not much of his basketball, advised him to experiment with track. Strang was born in Scotland but grew up in South Africa and, having attended university in California, now lives in Arlington, Virginia.

Grant, though, apart from training stints in Australia and the United States, is British to the core. A Londoner, he set nine national records before Steve Smith consigned him to the shadows two years ago. Smith, the world bronze medal-winner indoors and out last year, felt these championships were not worth his attention.

Grant's winning height of 2.37 metres leaves him only one centimetre below Smith's British record of 2.38 metres. As impressive as the height he achieved was Grant's equanimity under pressure. He failed twice at 2.31 metres but, mindful of the mathematics of the event, waited until the bar was at 2.33 metres for his third attempt. A 2.31 metres clearance would have done him no good, given his failed jumps, had the medals been decided at that height.

At 2.35 metres, there were three jumpers left. Hendrik Beyer, of Germany, failed but Jean Charles Gicquel cleared to set a French record. As if having home support against him was not enough, Grant discovered that his marking tape, which measured his run-up, had disappeared.

As the bar waited for his attention at 2.37 metres, the Briton was having to take pigeon steps to work out his starting point. His first clearance attempt failed but his second one was good; the Frenchman failed and the 27-year-old Haringey clubman took his first international title.

Ladejo led from the break of lanes, reached 200 metres in 21.67sec and won in 46.53sec. With the finish-line beckoning, Mikhail Vdovin, of Russia, looked menacing and may have won had he been able to pass on the inside. When he found he could not, he had to change course to try to pass on the outside and was beaten by 0.03sec.

"I hope people recognise I am British," Ladejo said. He spent five years in the United States, leaving Britain as an exchange student. "I went to play basketball and American football." But he came home last year a track runner.

And the name Du'aine? "My mum wanted Douane, the French for customs, but, when I was born, the nurses changed her mind. So she took out the O and put in an I. It was meant to be Duaine, like Duane Eddy, but no one could get it so I took the initiative three or four years ago and put in the apostrophe."

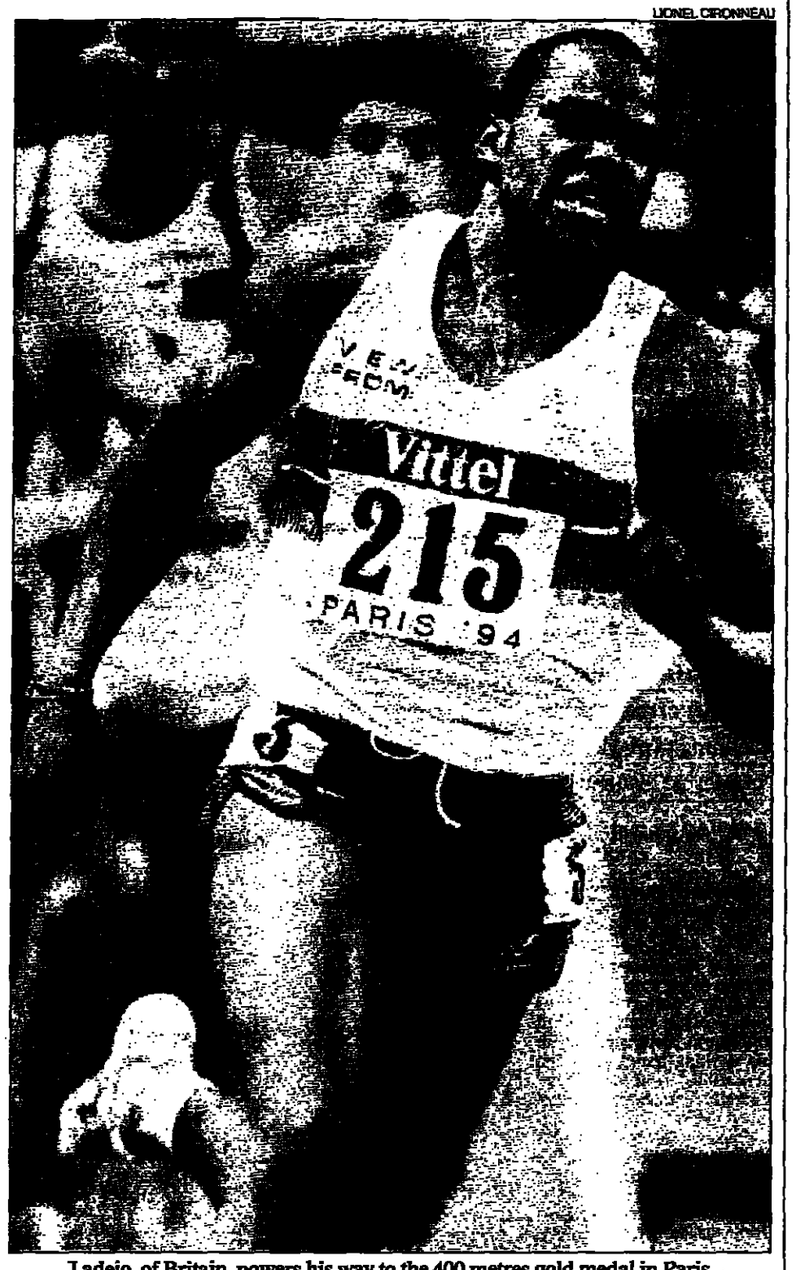
In contrast to Ladejo's win, Strang's was a triumph of patience. He held the inside for most of the race and it was only around the final bend that he wound himself up. Coming off it, he passed Branko Zorko but had to hold his form all the way to the line to hold off the Croatian and Kader Chekhemani, from France.

Strang's winning time, 3min 44.57sec, was modest, but it was the win that mattered. He now hopes he can break the tape at immigration when he returns home. They have refused him his green card and he fears being turned back each time he goes back to the United States.

He has spent $4,000 on legal fees trying to convince the authorities there he should be allowed to stay because he is a world-class athlete, but without success. His attorney will be waiting at the airport to meet him in case of trouble. Strang says he is dependent on the coaching and training set-up he has in the United States. He is to marry an American and has resolved to live there, but his athletics allegiance, he said, will always be with Britain.

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LIONEL CIRONNEAU



Ladejo, of Britain, powers his way to the 400 metres gold medal in Paris

SPORT IN BRIEF

Robinson lines up McKenzie contest

STEVE Robinson, the World Boxing Organisation (WBO) featherweight champion, of Cardiff, recorded the most impressive win of his career when he stopped Paul Hodkinson, of Liverpool, in the twelfth round at the Cardiff Ice Rink on Saturday (Srikumar Sen writes). However, since the experts still doubt Robinson's true world class, because all four of his WBO bouts have been against British opponents, two of whom were only moderate, the Welshman has decided to establish his credentials by challenging a champion of another world body.

Robinson's manager, Dai Gardiner, said he will be seeking to unify the title after two more bouts, the first of which will be against yet another Englishman, Duke McKenzie, of Croydon, at the Ice Rink, Cardiff, on May 14.

Hats off to women

BOWLS: Wales will be the scene of a quiet bowls revolution next June, when the British women's championships and international series will be held at Rock Park, Llandrindod Wells (David Rhys Jones writes). An announcement from the British Isles Women's Bowling Council has confirmed that hats will not be compulsory for the series. Hats have long been the source of complaint from modern women bowlers, who long for a new look. "We were all afraid of speaking out because the first to put her head above the parapet would have her head blown off, hat and all," a competitor at Darlington said last week.

Holders miss final

HOCKEY: A new name will appear on the Hockey Association Cup when Teddington and Old Loughtonians meet in the final at Birmingham University on May 15. In the semi-finals yesterday Hounslow, the holders, lost on penalty strokes to Teddington after the scores were level at 2-2 extra-time. Old Loughtonians gained a hard-earned 3-2 victory over Reading.

Giants back on top

BAKETBALL: Manchester Giants recovered from their surprising defeat by London Towers in midweek to regain the Budweiser League leadership on Saturday. The Giants beat the bottom club, Oldham Celtics, 93-72 but did not have things entirely their own way as the Celtics reduced a 12-point deficit to 48-44 before succumbing to their 29th defeat of the season.

Wattana celebrates

SNOOKER: James Wattana, playing in front of a jubilant home crowd, beat Steve Davis 9-7 in the final of the Thailand Open early yesterday. Wattana took a 7-2 lead with breaks of 106, 142 and 123 before Davis won five of the next six frames to trail 7-8. The Englishman opened the sixteenth frame with a 53 break, but Wattana, the world No 5, closed with a 76 clearance to pink to collect the first prize of £32,500.

Fleet Street legend

REG HAYTER, the founder of the sporting news agency in Fleet Street which bore his name, died in hospital in Northwood, Middlesex, yesterday aged 80. Hayter, a noted journalistic talent-spotter, was the Press Association cricket correspondent before starting his own business in 1955 and also advised many leading sports personalties, including Denis Compton, Henry Cooper and Ian Botham.

Hughes leads applause

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN STELLENBOSCH

THE Australians are the first authentic touring side to play among the vineyards of South Africa for over thirty years, and it shows. Yesterday, a large and enthusiastic crowd saw Boland bowled out for 155. This gave the Australians a lead of 99, which they had increased to 253 by the close for the loss of two second-innings wickets. The match ends today.

The game's best cricketers are so peripatetic these days that in England we no longer quake quite as we did, grown men and small boys alike, at the very sight of a real Australian cricketer in a real Australian cap. But here, after so long an Australian absence, the people have been suitably and refreshingly wide-eyed.The announcement that the chairman and chief executive of the Australian Cricket Board had just arrived was ostentatiously applauded by Merv Hughes, who has been so much in their black books, but, in a way which must have amused even the visiting firemen themselves.

Stellenbosch has always been a rugby-playing stronghold; but the University, on whose grounds the match is being played, would give Oxford a good run at cricket now and, of yesterday's spectators, perhaps one in five was non-white, mostly Cape-coloured, whose great champion, of course, is Basil D'Oliveira.

Given the chance of a knock on Saturday, in cool, rather miserable conditions, Dean Jones showed that he is in as good form as any of the Australian batsmen.

Yesterday McGrath, tall, willowy and quite lively in pace, had a spell of four wickets for three runs in 24 balls, the first of them being Robbie Dalrymple, who was playing only through the kindness of Mark Taylor, who is leading the Australians. Dalrymple was twelfth man when the match started, but, when Wayne Truter withdrew at lunch on Saturday with a damaged hand, he was allowed to make up the numbers.

SCORES: Australia 254-7 dec and 154-2 (M Taylor 74). Boland 155 (G McGrath 4-58).

Surprising medal for downhiller Barker

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN LILLEHAMMER

THE British team came to the Winter Paralympic Games in Norway knowing they had a good chance of winning a handful of medals, but their successes so far, four days into the competition, have come from unexpected sources.

On Saturday there was a surprise bronze medal for downhill skier, Jim Barker, Britain's second bronze of the games, and, yesterday, the sledge hockey team lifted themselves back into the bronze medal play-off position by holding Norway to a 0-0 draw.

Meanwhile, Britain's chief medal hopes in the men's downhill both blew their chances and the three-strong blind biathlon contingent propped up the results table. Even the hockey team seemed to have wrecked their chances on Saturday when they were thrashed 7-0 by Sweden.

However, yesterday, despite playing a much stronger and faster side, Britain held off almost constant pressure from Norway to keep a clean sheet. Not surprisingly, Phil Saunders, the goalminder, was voted Britain's man of the match after saving 16 shots.

It went some way to making up for Saturday's disappointment in the downhill, when Matt Stockford and Richard Burt failed to win their expected medals.

Stockford crashed on a treacherously steep and icy section of the course and Burt was disqualified when he failed to start in time. He was at the starting gate but was still adjusting the buckles on his boots when a 20-second warning expired. He and his guide, Keith Hockley, appealed against the decision in vain.

Barker, however, surprised even himself by taking a bronze in his first Paralympics and his first competitive downhill. He regards the super-giant slalom as his best event and had no ambition for the downhill beyond improving on his practice times.

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Goya

The first major exhibition of the work of Francisco Goya for 30 years opens on March 17 at the Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London, W1.
Goya: Truth and Fantasy will contain about 100 small-scale paintings drawn from private collections, museums and galleries. The exhibition, which runs until June 12, is mounted in association with *The Times*, Classic FM and with support from Iberia Airlines.
To celebrate the power of Goya's art, The Times is offering readers a free reproduction print of Goya's 1794-95 painting Self-Portrait in the studio owned by Museo de la Real Academia de Bellas Artes de San Fernando, Madrid. The reproduction print measures 510mm x 360mm including border and is printed on heavyweight paper.

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Improving Petchey has Agassi struggling

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA

MARK Petchey's inferiority complex is dissipating. Among the British tennis players, he had not been alone in habitually entering tournaments either through the qualifying competition or with the benefit of a wild card. In spite of his status as the nation's No 2, his belief had not extended beyond the first round.

Six months ago, he determined to alter his attitude. In his words "it was make or break time". Immediate elimination in the national championship at Telford initially induced further misgivings. Later, an infected cut in his neck temporarily postponed his progress at the beginning of the year.

Undaunted, he maintained his sense of dedication and was rewarded last month in Mexico. There, during a performance he describes as the best of his career, the 23-year-old was a break up in the final set against the player ranked No 11 in the world, Thomas Muster, and on the surface the Austrian particularly relishes, clay.



Agassi: crowd puller

The ranking points Petchey accumulated in reaching the quarter-final lifted him above Jeremy Bates, Britain's No 1, and filled him with conviction. "I feel I belong in these events," he said here during the first round of the Lipton tournament, "and that I can beat these guys."

The statement had already gained credibility. He had knocked out Chuck Adams, an Australian ranked 40 places above him. On Saturday, he further enhanced his reputation by almost eliminating Andre Agassi, the champion here four years ago. Petchey was within a couple of points of serving for the match before going down 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

Before leaving to prepare for the Davis Cup-tie in Portugal in a fortnight, Petchey expressed disappointment. Instead of basking in the glory of an honourable defeat, he regretted not punching harder a forehand volley that would have taken him to the verge of leading 5-4 in the final set.

Agassi, whose right wrist was surgically repaired in December, has marked his comeback with a tournament victory in Arizona last month, and is climbing back up the rankings. His popularity, as extensive as John Daly's in golf, has never waned and the organisers were relieved that the main attraction is still competing.

So are the gossip columnists. Agassi, who was accompanied by Barbra Streisand during last year's Wimbledon, now has a partner with an equally high public profile, Brooke Shields. The actress has yet to appear and he deflected questions as to whether she would be joining him this week.

Agassi is not certain to be around much longer, though. Today, in a match likely to fill a stadium which can accommodate 17,000, he plays Boris Becker.

The links between these two are not simply confined to the court. Last July, in a decision which Agassi indicated was less than amicable ("it was more personal than professional," he said), his association with Nick Bollettieri was severed. Five months later, the renowned coach agreed to become Becker's new adviser.

Ten of the 64 seeds fell in the second round here. The most notable among the men was Malivai Washington. Those among the women included Helena Sukova, the US Open finalist.

Clare Wood, Britain's other No 1, was also beaten, although she took Leila Meskhi, the nineteenth seed, to three sets before conceding the opportunity to fill the gap in the draw left by the withdrawal of Mary Joe Fernandez.

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Jockeys dream of Cheltenham winners



Jamie Osborne, the leading rider, looks forward to the highlight of the National Hunt racing season

DURING the next three days, over 100 jockeys will arrive at Cheltenham dreaming of riding a winner at the festival, the highlight of the National Hunt season. Professional jockeys have 17 races to contest and there are three amateur riders' races. It is easy to see that the majority will go home disappointed. Such is the importance of the festival that, for each of the winners, their victory will represent the highlight of their season or even their career. This is our FA Cup final, Wimbledon and Test match rolled into one.

Richard Dunwoody, the champion jockey, will miss the action this year due to his two-week suspension for causing intentional interference to Mr Geneaology, Adrian Maguire's mount, when riding Raggerty in a race at Nottingham 13 days ago. However, competition will be as fierce as ever. Charlie Swan, the Irish champion, has good rides, as does Maguire, while I am pleased with the horses I will be on board. The racecourse is always a competitive place, but, at the festival, competition rises to a different level. Nobody expects any assistance from friends and colleagues when so much is at stake.

A Cheltenham race usually starts to unfold at the top of the hill before the third-last fence or hurdle. This point of the track is a curiously peaceful place, where we cannot hear the commentary or crowds. Any of the light-hearted banter that sometimes takes place is notable by its absence, such is the level of concentration. The size of the pay cheque next month will be decided by the moves made from this point. Gradually, as we descend the hill, the noise of the crowd becomes noticeable. Minor jumping errors at this stage can be costly; good jumping can give a jockey a chance to conserve the vital energy that will get you up the hill better than your opponents.

I have never experienced a feeling to match that of passing the post in front at the festival. Not only is it a feeling of complete satisfaction, but it is also a release of the intense pressure of the previous ten minutes. I am exhausted by the end of the three days. Not because the physical exertions are any more demanding than in any other week of the season but, simply, as a result of the intensity of the pressure.

I have been lucky enough to ride a winner at Cheltenham in each of the last three years. Two years ago, I rode five winners, including Remittance Man in the Queen Mother Champion Chase. This year, I hope to beat Remittance Man on Travado, his stablemate and a horse with an electrifying turn of speed. Travado is one of 16 rides I have booked at the meeting.

On Thursday, I will ride Flashing Steel, owned by Charles Haughey, the former Irish Prime Minister. I went to the Curragh on Friday to sit on him and he is an impressive horse who will have a great chance in either the Cathcart or the Gold Cup. My suspicion is that he will run in the latter.

Henrietta Knight has an outstanding chance of saddling her first festival winner with either Ground Nut in the *Daily Express* Triumph Hurdle or Lackendara in the Grand Annual Handicap Chase. The diminutive Lackendara is a jumping enthusiast and is on a favourable handicap mark. Simon Christian sends the unbeaten Nakir to the Arkle Trophy tomorrow and I am hopeful he can give me a third successive triumph in this race.

The horses I will be riding have won 37 races between them this season. If one of them can add to this total over the next three days, I will leave Cheltenham a happy man.

In the Smurfit Champion Hurdle tomorrow, I ride Large Action — one of my favourite horses. The fact he is running in this race rather than the easier option of the Supreme Novices' Hurdle has led people to think that this is either a disastrous miscalculation or a sign of supreme confidence. Tomorrow, I will explain why I think the latter is the correct view.

Egerton's stock continues to flourish

***Julian Muscat** talks to a trainer of many parts planning to make a big impact at Cheltenham*



Egerton walks back to his stables in Chaddleworth after exercising the horses. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Only through trawling the countryside depths would you encounter the like of Charles Ralph Egerton, an imposing, mildly eccentric Old Etonian with a particular flair for training racehorses. He is a bastion of old English values, a complex character with his own peculiar blend of bluff and charm. Deadly serious in his working hours and often uproarious outside them, Egerton is, in short, a man of many parts.

There is evidence of his professional intent in the five horses he will saddle at the Cheltenham festival. He has accrued 18 victories in this, his third season with a licence, from a team of only 14 active jumpers. But then, as he freely admits, he was born to the world with more than his share of advantages. The son of Thomas Egerton, a Jockey Club member and racecourse steward, he has taken lease of Heads Farm Stables within his father's 1,000-acre estate in the Berkshire village of Chaddleworth. However, that alone does not explain his rising stock within the training fraternity in and around Lambourn.

Egerton, 30, started two years ago with 19 boxes. After adding three more, he recently built a further 21. All the boxes are full. His 28 jumpers have been joined by 13 for the Flat, yet he is restless. He fidgets incessantly, for he feels that he has only just scratched the surface.

He well understands the significance of Cheltenham and has planned his raid accordingly. Lumberjack challenges for the Mildmay Of Flete Chase; Kabayil tackles the Gold Card Handicap Hurdle, yet he prevaricated on the targets for River Lossie, Scobie Boy and Seekin Cash for weeks on end.

Only yesterday did he commit River Lossie to the Coral Cup, Scobie Boy to the Supreme Novices' Hurdle and Seekin Cash to the Stayers' Hurdle. He is mindful of Danoli, the Irish banker in the Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle. As he explained: "At this stage of the season, the novice races are probably more competitive than the handicaps."

Take Danoli: "We'd be taking him on at levels and he has already finished second in the Irish Champion Hurdle." In any case," he added with a wry smile, "If I'd decided any earlier, I'd have simply had more time to change my mind."

Egerton's deadpan face disguises a hyperactive mind. When triggered by the simplest of questions, Egerton responds, pauses briefly to think again and is off once more, prompted solely by the implications of what he has just said. He obviously thrives on conversation. To portray his intonation is a rare challenge. His voice, encased in a unique, drawling tone, is the kind to have driven his schoolmasters to despair. Were his mind not sharp, you could be fooled into thinking he was in a permanent state of alcoholic inebriation.

Word abounds that he makes for excellent company; he declined to elaborate, save for a long, resonant laugh. However, mention this to Charlie Brooks, a fellow trainer and contemporary at Eton, and it brings about a willing response.

"I've known him since he offered me tickets to the FA Cup final 17 years ago," he said. "He's changed very little: he still has a disarming habit of asking you ten questions simultaneously, all of them relevant to the same topic. He will be a very eccentric individual 20 years from now." Brooks has never forgiven the young Egerton for borrowing his assiduously compiled Latin prep and attempting to pass it off as his own work.

On the eve of the Prestbury festival, such episodes will have long since receded into Egerton's memory. Last year, he had two runners, both unfancied, yet he was still overtaken by the unique atmosphere of Cheltenham. "Last year, I didn't expect much, but this year it will be different. I am going with five horses and a good chance of a winner. Of course to saddle one at Cheltenham is everything, both to me and to every other trainer. Basically, if you don't get taken by it you really shouldn't be in the sport."

He is superstitious: "No photographs, please, of the Cheltenham horses." He is a pessimist by nature, he would not be drawn on his plans but, in the recruitment of owners, there is an element to him that is rarely encountered in others. It is by some way his biggest asset.

Sendai to reward festival backers at 12-1

BY ROBERT WRIGHT

WINNERS at 50-1, 33-1 and 20-1 in the middle of March — it must be the Cheltenham festival. Unfortunately, this was merely the curtain-raiser, at Sandown on Saturday, to the real thing at Prestbury Park.

In the hope of unravelling some similarly rewarding winners over the next three days, the following may provide some value.

Tomorrow's card is particularly daunting. The Champion Hurdle looks set to go to Oh So Risky, but 5-2 is too short a price to generate much enthusiasm.

From a betting point of view, the Hamlet Cigars Gold Card Handicap Hurdle is of greater interest. Captain Dolford would be overpriced at 16-1 if the ground turned soft, but, with a drying wind and little rain forecast, Sendai makes more appeal. Third in the race last year, she was not given an unduly hard time when beaten half a length by Bollin Magdalene at Nottingham last month and should reverse the form on 3lb better terms. At 12-1 with all of the major bookmakers, she can reward support.

Few horses recapture their best form after leaving Martin Pipe's yard, but Mary Reveley appears to have worked the oracle with Viardot, who won by eight lengths at Sandown on Friday. He escapes a penalty in Wednesday's Coral Cup Handicap Hurdle and the 10-1 on offer with Ladbrokes is very fair.

The Mildmay of Flete, later on the same day, can go to Gnome's Tycoon. He has done little wrong since joining Richard Phillips from Ireland, his only defeat coming when he failed to stay three miles at Doncaster. Back to a more suitable trip, the 10-1 with Ladbrokes should be taken.

Thursday's card opens with the Triumph Hurdle, the race which the favourite last won in 1974. Mysilv heads the betting for this year's race and could not have been more impressive in winning all of her five starts over hurdles. However, the going may be too quick for her and the 16-1 offered by Ladbrokes for Collier Bay looks tremendous value.

A useful performer on the Flat when trained by John Gosden, Collier Bay opened his account over hurdles when trouncing General Mouktar by 20 lengths at Lingfield Park ten days ago.

The Gold Cup appears at first glance to be at the mercy of last year's winner, Jodami. He may win, but his form this season does not justify his price, which is hovering around even money.

Young Hustler, who won the Sun Alliance Chase on fast ground at last year's festival, has been disappointing on his last three starts, culminating in a heavy fall at Kempton last month. Those efforts all came on soft ground and Young Hustler, reportedly none the worse for his tumble, merits each-way support at 40-1 with Ladbrokes.

Dalton leads as Smith wins stage

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN PUNTA DEL ESTE, URUGUAY

IN ANOTHER series of dramatically close finishes, Lawrie Smith and his European crew on *Intrum Justitia* won the fourth stage of the Whitbread Round the World Race from Auckland to Punta del Este yesterday, but lost the overall line honours by just five minutes to Grant Dalton's maxi, *New Zealand Endeavour*.

Dalton's victory put *New Zealand Endeavour* back in the overall lead, two hours ahead of the New Zealand 60-footer, *Tokio*, skippered by his compatriot, Chris Dickson, which crossed the line third, five minutes ahead of Ross Field's *Yamaha*.

"We've been racing often within sight not for two hours, but two days. We have been exchanging tack for tack all night and it has been incredibly tense. It was only during the last half-hour that we finally realised we would beat them," Dalton said of his rivals sailing *Intrum*.

Lawrie Smith was less impressed: "It would have been nice to have beaten the maxi, but we are not racing against them. Our mission is to beat *Tokio* and the other Whitbread 60s. *New Zealand Endeavour* was just a nuisance as far as we are concerned. Last night, they were continually tacking in our wind and once reached right across our bows. We are only interested in covering the our 60ft rivals. Grant and his crew are just cruising around as far as we are concerned."

Intrum's class win moves Smith's crew back up to second place, overall, and cuts Tokio's overall lead by three hours, to 14 hours: "This race is still winable. Our sails are much better now and the boat is faster. We have beaten *Tokio* on two of the last three legs. Now we just have to beat them on the remaining two stages back to England and hope that we get a similar break in the weather that *Tokio* enjoyed during the first stage."

New Zealand Endeavour cut more than 42 hours off the previous record for this 5,914-mile leg set by Peter Blake's *Steinlager II* during the last race, four years ago.

Dalton attributed his record to faster boats and stiffer competition: "This race is much more physical that it used to be. In the old days, if conditions were bad, we would back off a little, but not any more."

Smith's yacht set a new Omega world record with a run of 428.7 miles during one 24-hour period shortly after leaving Auckland. It could, he explained, have been more: "Actually, we covered 437 miles during those 24 hours, but we were sailing round a corner at the time and the computer only measures in a straight line."

OVERALL POSITIONS: Maxi class: 1, New Zealand Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ), 21days 2hr 28min; 2, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz), 21:06.45; 3, La Poste (E Tabarly, Fr), 21:12.55. Whitbread 60 class: 1, Intrum Justitia (L Smith, Eur), 21-02.31; 2, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ) 21.07.29; 3, Yamaha (R Field, NZ) 21 07.37; 4, Galicia 93 Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp) 21 10.38. Other positions (as 1400GMT yesterday, with miles to Punta del Este): Whitbread 60: 5, Winston (S Butterworth, US) 115 miles; 6, Brookfield (G Mastro, It) 127; 7, Heineken (D Pilley, US) 242; 8, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB) 267; 9, Hetman Sahadachny (E Platon, Ukr) 299; 10, Odessa (A Verba, Ukr) 802. Maxi: 4, Uruguay Natural (G Vanzini, Urg) 593.

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AVON VALE (Barbury Castle): Hunt: 1, Roaming Shadow (J Henkinson, 8-1); 2, Celtic Member; 3, New Game. 8 ran. Open: 1, Popeswood (J Maxse, 16-1); 2, Beech Grove; 3, Mangrove. 14 ran. Ladies: 1, Special (Miss M Hill, 3-1); 2, Khattat; 3,Shehest. 14 ran. BFSS I: 1, Wellington Brown (Mrs C Mitchell, 5-4 fav); 2, Marshlander; 3, Dunloughen. 10 ran. Confined: 1, Allatoun (T Lacey, 5-2 fav); 2, Birdown; 3, Spitfire Jubilee. 20 ran. BFSS II: 1, Deer Fencer (Mrs N Sheppard, Evens fav); 2, All Weather; 3, Amadeo. 16 ran. Mdn I: 1, Mandalay Miss (E Bailey, 12-1); 2, Vital Song; 3, Barton Loch. 13 ran. Mdn II: 1, Niki Su (P Hobbs, 7-1); 2, Wonder Why; 3, Mary Borough. 8 ran.

BRECON (Llanfrynach): Hunt: 1, Call-Me-Dinky (T Jones); 2, Lord Crosby; 3, Geo Pothean. 8 ran. Confined: 1, Space Prince (C Campbell, 9-4 fav); 2, Silks Domino; 3, Fly Fred. 17 ran. Open I: 1, Robusti (D S Jones, 2-1 fav); 2, Solars Pride; 3, Gallic Belle. 16 ran. Open II: 1, Jack Sound (J Jukes, 3-1); 2, Sandbrook; 3, Radio Cue. 9 ran. Ladies: 1, Connamara Dawn (Miss P Gundy, 9-4); 2, Spartan City; 3, Garden Centre Boy. 11 ran. Rest I: 1, Chibougamau (J Llewellyn, 3-1); 2, Dandy Desire; 3, Judgeroger. 15 ran. Rest II: 1, General Troy (T Jones, 4-6 fav); 2, Sweet Fudge; 3, Rhonda Valley. 17 ran. Rest III: 1, Lucky Ole Son (J Llewellyn, 2-1 fav); 2, Squalmre; 3, In The Water. 12 ran. Mdn I: 1, Horn Player (M Jones, 3-1); 2, Bryn's Story; 3, Kerry Hill. 14 ran. Mdn II: 1, Lisahane Lad (J Llewellyn, 8-1); 2, Tricky Dee; 3, Sergeant Silver. 12 ran.

BROCKLESBY (Brocklesby Park): Hunt: 1, Drawn N'Quartered (Mrs J Dawson, Evens fav), 2, Prince Of Babylon; 3, Ginger Pink. 6 ran. Confined: 1, Kenya Commander (B Crawford, Evens fav); 2, Run West; 3, Acertainhit. 9 ran. Ladies: 1, Nelsams (Miss K Gilman, Evens fav); 2, Regardless; 3, Royal Approval. 9 ran. Open: 1, Good Waters (L Stretton, 3-1); 2, Raise An Argument; 3, Celtic King. 5 ran. Rest: 1, Layedback Jack (Mrs J Dawson, 5-1); 2, Pancratic; 3, Brockish Bay. 12 ran. Mdn (Div I): 1, The Jeweller (C Bealby, 7-1); 2, Aintree Oats; 3, Best The Rap. 14 ran. Mdn II: 1, Romany Air (C O'Neill, 10-1); 2, Merlins Girl; 3, Miss Vagebond. 13 ran.

CUMBERLAND FARMERS (Dalston): Hunt: 1, Light Of Love (T Morrison, 5-2 fav); 2, Pennine View; 3, Little Bavard. 8 ran. Confined: 1, Against (K Anderson, 1-4 fav); 2, Sharp Opinion; 3, Easby Hopes. 12 ran. Ladies: 1, Festival Fancy (Miss P Robson, 8-1); 2, May Run; 3, Abperair. 12 ran. Open: 1, Man's Best Friend (R Ford, 11-10 fav); 2, Randolph Place; 3, Thirty All. 12 ran. PPOA: 1, Fish Quay (Miss S Lamb, 14-1); 2, Run Lash Run; 3, Mister Point. 13 ran. Rest (Div I): 1, Elastic (P Craggs, 2-1); 2, Sotarella; 3, Arzama. 7 ran. Rest II: 1, Prizes For Action (D Mactaggart, Evens fav); 2, Miss Endon; 3, Just Mackenzie. 6 ran. Mdn I: 1, Glyower (K Anderson, 6-4 fav); 2, Celtic Lane; 3, Excise Man. 16 ran. Mdn II: 1, Double U-A (T Scott, 3-1); 2, Icelandic Poppy; 3, Scally's Lady. 9 ran. Mdn III: 1, Hidden Island (C Wilson, 4-1); 2, Hawk Hill Ryde; 3, Gulting Gray. 15 ran.

DERWENT (Charm Park): Hunt: 1, G Derek (C Cundell, 4-6 fav); 2, Sherwood Hope; only 2 lin. 3 ran. Confined I: 1, Magic Whip (Mrs J Brown, Evens fav); 2, Extra Best; 3, Course Of Action. 13 ran. Confined II: 1, Waltingo (Miss R Clark, 6-4); 2, Elegant Guest; 3, Downsedge. 13 ran. Open: 1, Final Chant (H Brown, 5-4 fav); 2, Nishkina; 3, Regan. 9 ran. Rest I: 1, Cromwell Point (N Wilson, 9-4); 2, Carbery Arctic; 3, Durham Homet. 12 ran. Rest (Div II): 1, Captain Chance (S Swiers, 4-6 fav); 2, Smart Pet; 3, Tooting Times. 13 ran. Rest III: 1, Stalzer (R Tate, 6-4 fav); 2, Coup de Catherine; 3, After Four. 16 ran. Ladies: 1, Dunblane (Mrs J Brown, 6-1); 2, Carole's Delight; 3, Ali Mark. 13 ran. Mdn (Div I part I): 1, Ellerton Park (H Brown, 6-1); 2, Glanthorpe; 3, Hungry Jack. 10 ran. Mdn (Div I part II): 1, Mr Fudge (M Sowersby, 4-7 fav); 2, Ocean Rose; 3, Prior Conviction. 10 ran. Mdn II: 1, Shannon King (N Smith, 7-1); 2, Glinge; 3, Cardinal Court. 18 ran.

NORTH LEDBURY (Upton): Hunt: 1, Sherfield (J Rudge, 8-1); 2, Melvernian; 3, Promis Boy. 11 ran. Confined: 1, Lost Fortune (H Wheeler, 7-2); 2, Mister Quick; 3, Mist Station. 17 ran. Open: 1, Yahoo (J Pritchard, 5-4 fav); 2, Downsview Lady; 3, Stolen Star. 9 ran. Rest I: 1, Lover Bill (Miss A Dare, 2-5 fav); 2, Jurenstan; 3, First Design. 15 ran. Rest II: 1, Sisterly (M Jackson, 12-1); 2, Peneham's Pride; 3, Que Bella. 22 ran. Ladies: 1, Stephens Pet (Miss A Dare, 1-3 fav); 2, Derring Bud; 3, Mister Gebo. 8 ran. Mdn I: 1, Reapers Rock (T Jackson, 10-1); 2, Flex; 3, Major Moves. 18 ran. Mdn (Div II): 1, Knowing (M Sheppard, 10-1); 2, Fountain Of Fire; 3, Just Donald. 16 ran.

NORTH NORFOLK HARRIERS (Higham): Hunt: 1, Boy Basil (W Wales, 5-6 Jt fav); 2, Horace; only 2 lin. 2 ran. Mdn (Div I part I): 1, Radiant Monarch (T Moore, 5-2); 2, Harpley Dust; 3, Lunar Missile. 10 ran. Mdn (Div I part II): 1, Sergeant Spruce (P Harding-Jones, 8-4 fav); 2, King Louis, 3, Lockhill. 9 ran. Mdn II: 1, Tough Minded (S Cowell, 8-1); 2, Strontino; 3, Ryme And Run. 14 ran. Open: 1, Walkers Hill (E Nicolson, 6-4 fav); 2, General Piston; 3, Jimmy Mac Jimmy. 12 ran. Confined: 1, Sound Of Jura (P Harding-Jones, 3-1); 2, Charryhill Beauty; 3, Fabulous Queen. 13 ran. Ladies: 1, Richard Hunt (Miss L Rowe, 1-2 fav); 2, Cricklewood Chris; 3, Sheriffmuir. 10 ran. PPOA: 1, Couture Quality (S Cowell, 4-6 fav); 2, Corn Kingdom; 3, Berkens Run. 7 ran.

OAKLEY (Newton Bromswold): Hunt: 1, Mimizan (S Edmunds, 4-7 fav); 2, Person's Cross; only 2 lin. 4 ran. Confined: 1, Decent Gold (J Stephenson, 12-1); 2, Indian Cruise; 3, Sprucefield. 10 ran. Open: 1, Joburn (John Pritchard, 16-1); 2, Alpha One; 3, Kelly's Honor. 8 ran. Ladies: 1, Green Archer (Mrs T Hill, 2-5 fav); 2, Astrocar; 3, Ballyorain Star. 13 ran. Rest I: 1, Sam's Birthday (Mrs J Saunders, 3-1); 2, Teatrader; 3, Very Touching. 14 ran. Rest II: 1, Some Flash (J Greenall, 2-1 fav); 2, Madam Advocate; 3, Bromo. 11 ran. Mdn I: 1, Vulcan Star (T Byrne, 7-1); 2, Wise Approach; 3, Adare To Win. 14 ran. Mdn II: 1, Master Mint (A Sansome, 14-1); 2, Torak; 3, Goldtopper. 11 ran. Mdn III: 1, Lord Of The West (J Greenall, 4-5 fav); 2, Beau Dandy; 3, Shustlut. 12 ran.

SILVERTON (Haldon): Hunt: 1, Molojec (J Culloty, 4-6 fav); 2, Grey Guestanc; 3, Gushy. 6 ran. Confined: 1, Confused Express (A Farrant, 4-7 fav); 2, Roving Glen; 3, Lucky Harvest. 5 ran. Ladies: 1, For A Lark (Miss M Turner, 7-4 Jt fav); 2, Rodeo Season; 3, My Malcho Man. 12 ran. Land Rover Open: 1, Wheal Prosper (R Cole, 7-4 fav); 2, Random Place; 3, Little Lemon. 9 ran. Rest: 1, My Main Man (J Culloty, 4-1), 2, Little Coombe; 3, Redclyffe. 20 ran. Mdn: 1, The Copper Key (Mrs J Mills, 6-1); 2, Clobracken Lad; 3, Wessenlands Queen. 12 ran.

SIR W W WYNN'S (Eaton Hall): Hunt: 1, Amaroee (W Ritson, 3-1); 2, Glittering Hope; 3, Sir Edward. 6 ran. Mdn I: 1, Sussane Cross (A Crow, 8-1); 2, Spy's Delight; 3, Foolish Fantasy. 15 ran. Mdn II: 1, Coverdale Lane (P Murray, 10-1); 2, Diana Moss; 3, Cash In Pad. 13 ran. Mdn III: 1, Roast Potato (David Barlow, 4-1); 2, Miss Shew; 3, Spartan Pete. 17 ran. Confined: 1, Fenya Judge (R Burton, 5-1); 2, Scally Mule; 3, Mellonby. 13 ran. Open: 1, Equity Player (A Crow, 6-4 fav); 2, Real Class; 3, Sandy Beau. 16 ran. Ladies: 1, Fell Mist (Miss A Sykes, 2-1 fav), 2, Renard Quay; 3, Parkbride. 12 ran. Rest I: 1, Hoycle (R Williams, 4-5 fav); 2, Manamour; 3, Golden Oats. 8 ran. Rest II: 1, Ashphaltlily (C Stockton, 25-1); 2, Rapid Wave; 3, Yankee Rhythm. 8 ran. Inter: 1, Back The Road (J Cambidge, 11-8 fav); 2, Shean Beas; 3, Bam Pool. 8 ran.

SOUTHDOWN & ERIDGE (Heathfield): Hunt: 1, Dipped In Clover (Miss J Grant, 1-4 fav), 2, Young Bavard, only 2 lin. 5 ran. Rest: 1, Cenins Stage (A Warr, 5-2); 2, Aladen; 3, Wendy Jane. 5 ran. Confined: 1, Another Troup (P Bull, 4-11 fav); 2, Sly Venture; 3, Sir Wager. 5 ran. Ladies: 1, Maltby Boy (Mrs A Hickman, 1-6 fav), 2, Green Tops; only 2 lin. 3 ran. Open: 1, Welshman's Gully (C Newport, 4-11 fav); 2, Highland Bounty; only 2 lin. 4 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, Pas Sat (C Gordon, 8-1); 2, Gunner Jim; 3, Amazon Lily. 9 ran. Open Mdn (Div II): 1, Welshman's Creek (C Newport, 11-10 fav); 2, Nun So Game; 3, Clean Sweep. 10 ran.

WEST SOMERSET VALE (Kingston St Mary): Hunt: 1, Aruba (L Jefford, 4-5 fav); 2, Woman Of The Road, 3, Bridge Express. 8 ran. Rest: 1, Sorrel Hill (Miss S Vickery, Evens fav); 2, Chita's Cone; 3, Trundle. 16 ran. Mixed Open: 1, Kings Rank (D Pipe, 4-5 fav); 2, Ryming Cupid; 3, Dandy. 7 ran. Confined: 1, Faithful Star (D Pipe, 5-2); 2, Celtic Leisure; 3, Happy News. 10 ran. PPOA: 1, Henley Wood (Miss P Curling, 4-6 fav); 2, General Moss; 3, Britotadifference. 7 ran. Mdn (Div I): 1, Buzz O'The Crowd (Miss A Handel, 6-1); 2, Rare Flutter; 3, Majestic Spirit. 10 ran. Mdn II: 1, Horeisham (R Trafoggen, 4-1); 2, Miss Pomickty; 3, Northern Bride. 9 ran.

Joburn finds form

JOBURN showed little sign of ability in her first point-to-point season as an eight-year-old and very little when sent to Simon Sherwood to run under Rules (Brian Beel writes). She reverted to point-to-pointing at Barbury Castle in January and led the field to two out in a high-class open won by Nearly Splendid.

On Saturday, Joburn, still a maiden, surprised in the Oakley open at 16-1, under Julian Pritchard. The defeat of the Caroline Saunders-trained Alpha One in the open was soon compensated when she provided the first two home, Sam's Birthday (Tick Saunders) and Teatrader (Richard Russell), in division one of the restricted and two further winners, owned and ridden by Johnny Greenall.

Greenall had a mixed afternoon. After winning the second division of the restricted on Some Flash and coming third on Adare To Win in the first maiden, his too vigorous riding of Sandy King before pulling up resulted in the stewards fining him £45. This was more than recouped, however, when his Lord Of The West beat another Saunders-trained horse, Beau Dandy, in the third split of the maiden.

The reigning champion, Alastair Crow, ended his lean spell with a double at the Sir W W Wynn's but veteran rider John Llewellyn went one better with three at the Brecon.

A career milestone of 150 for Peter Craggs was reached when Elastic won at the Cumberland Farmers.

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Weld believes his Champion Hurdle hope will win fitness battle

Fortune And Fame has setback

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

FORTUNE And Fame is receiving round-the-clock treatment for bad bruising to a hind leg, but has a 60-40 chance of lining up for the Smurfit Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham tomorrow.

Dermot Weld, his trainer, returned from Australia to Ireland yesterday, and after inspecting the injury to the long-time favourite, he predicted the horse would win the fight for fitness.

"The horse was cast in his box on Friday night and my security man spotted it almost immediately, telephoned me in Australia within five minutes and ten minutes later my vet was on the scene," Weld said.

The trainer added: "Fortune And Fame has bruising between the hock and fetlock joint on his near-hind leg. He was X-rayed on Saturday and they were clear. He went swimming this morning and will do the same tomorrow.

"He was due to travel to Cheltenham on Tuesday and I will make a decision that morning as to whether he runs. At the moment he has a 60-40 chance. I hope by tomorrow it will be 80-20.

"I cannot use medication, so we are using physiotherapy and hot and cold applications. He gave his leg a right rap; but then he never does do things by halves. It is paining him but I am positive."

Tony Smurfit, son of Fortune and Fame's owner, Michael, who sponsors tomorrow's big race, added: "I was in a state of mortal depression yesterday, but I am certainly more optimistic now. I saw the horse this morning and he is relaxed and totally at ease. He's not lame and I am very hopeful we will run."

The injury prompted a hasty shake-up in the betting for the hurdlers' crown. Ladbrokes installed Oh So Risky as the new 9-4 favourite and pushed out Fortune And Fame to 9-2. William Hill go 9-4 and 5-1 for the pair, while Corals offer 5-2 for the new favourite and offer 11-4 with a run against the Weld horse.

A question mark also hangs over the participation of another Irish-trained runner, Shawiya, who returned sore after her final piece of work at the Curragh on Saturday. David Elsworth, the trainer of Oh So Risky and Muse, was increasingly bullish about his pair's prospects yesterday even before the full extent of Fortune And Fame's setback became known. "I honestly think Muse is the danger to Oh So Risky. He's really well. I know it is a tall order to have the first and second in the Champion but it is not beyond the realms of possibility."

After considerable agonising, Tim Forster has decided that Coonawara should take his chance in the Guinness Arkle Chase tomorrow. Racing's supreme pessimist won the race in 1973 with Denys Adventure. "The going might be a bit fast and the distance a bit too short but there is only one Arkle," he said.

Charlie Brooks warned yesterday that Black Humour is not certain to run in the Gold Cup on Thursday after receiving the results of the horse's latest blood tests. The ten-year-old had been backed following an impressive win at Windsor recently. Brooks will make a final decision after further tests are carried out on the horse tomorrow.

Dean Gallagher has been chosen by Kim Bailey to ride Docklands Express in the Gold Cup and Martomick in the Sun Alliance Chase.

ED BYRNE



Fortune And Fame is receiving treatment for a badly-bruised hind leg after he was found cast in his box

Howard has opportunity to extend winning run

Michael Howard achieved a notable double for racing last week, following up his speech at the Tote lunch with a favourable levy determination. This week, as millions search for winners at Cheltenham, the Home Secretary can complete a remarkable yankee which will move the sport into the 21st century and earn the Government fulsome praise.

First, he can take a gamble which would allow Sunday racing with on- and off-course betting to begin this autumn. It emerged over the weekend that Neil Hamilton, the industry minister taking the deregulation bill through Parliament, is keen to include an amendment which would end restrictions preventing bookmakers operating on Sundays.

The Home Office is nervous about Hamilton including Sunday racing in his drive against unnecessary bureaucracy. It fears such a move could threaten its own Sunday trading bill, also before Parliament, by alienating sufficient MPs and peers who favour the limited deregulation planned for Sunday shoppers.

Gambling legislation is the responsibility of the Home Office, a department which has clashed in the past with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) over the pace of deregulation — most notably in broadcasting — with the Home Office always on the side of caution.

Howard leans towards removing unnecessary barriers to people's daily lives and it is that philosophy which underpins the deregulation bill. If the Sunday trading bill can complete its legislative passage in advance of Hamilton's bill, it is to be hoped Howard will consent to his ministerial colleague sweeping away outdated restrictions on betting.

The Sunday race meetings staged without betting over the past 18 months have struck a chord with the racing public and, more importantly, appealed to new spectators, particularly families. The Treasury will benefit from increased revenue via betting duty when existing restrictions are lifted.

RICHARD EVANS



Racing commentary

Whatever the outcome of deliberations between the DTI and Home Office over Sunday racing, Howard has a straightforward task in landing the final leg of his racing-political four-timer.

Quite simply, the Home Office should reserve a slot towards the end of this Parliament for a bill which will see the British Horseracing Board (BHB) take over the government's functions in relation to the Tote and Levy Board. As Howard said on Tuesday, government involvement in racing is now anomalous. He pledged that he or his successor would be looking before too long at the whole question of the government's involvement with the two racing bodies. Unfortunately, he failed to set an agenda and suggested the change would not occur before the next general election.

There are sound reasons for Howard agreeing to primary legislation towards the end of this Parliament. The measure would be popular, have all-party support, and so be ideal for the closing months of this government's term of office. More importantly, if the BHB is allowed to be in charge of finance as well as policy, racing stands an excellent chance of a prosperous future.

Howard should ignore the "over my dead body" threats from Lord Wyatt of Weeford. The Tote chairman's main concern at the moment is winning the race for the lottery, hence his hostility to any idea of changing the Tote structure.

Indeed, Howard might feel that next year, when Lord Wyatt's chairmanship of the Tote comes up for renewal, is the ideal time to initiate change. In the meantime, Tristram Ricketts and Lord Hartington must ensure the BHB sets to work immediately to prepare a blueprint which enables a transfer of power to the board. One element should be the expansion of the BHB to include bookmakers.

THUNDERER

2.00 Palace Parade
2.30 Star's Delight
3.00 Castle Blue
3.30 Plain Sailing
4.00 Goldingo
4.30 Strong Gold
5.00 Mandys Lad

Brian Beel: 4.30 Cool Relation.

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2.00 MARCH JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £1,802: 2m 1f) (8 runners)

101 0U14 PRINCESS TATEUM 11 (G) (B Tregoning) Mrs M McCourt 11-0 — G Bradley 93
102 6 FRONTIER FLIGHT 37 (B Stewart-Brown) G Sherwood 10-12 — J Osborne —
103 30 HEART OF SPAIN 52 (F Jackson) P Bowen 10-12 — T Wall 90
104 F6 PALACE PARADE 18 (Mrs N Duffield) Mrs P Duffield 10-12 — N Dawe
105 PISTOL 198F (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 10-12 — R J Beggan —
106 32060P FREE DANCER 121 (Mrs V Hayward) R Brotherton 10-7 — T Jenks (3) 80
107 JEAN BRODIE 238F (C Butler) H Howe 10-7 — R Davis (3) —
108 P KOSVILLE 25 (BF) (Food House Racing) M Pipe 10-7 — J Lower —

BETTING: 9-4 Princess Tateum, 5-2 Frontier Flight, 9-2 Heart Of Spain, Kosville, 12-1 Palace Parade, 14-1 others.

1993: LAND OF THE FREE 11-7 P Scudamore (5-6 fav) M Pipe 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

PRINCESS TATEUM 27l 4th of 20 to Mariner's Air in a novice hurdle at Warwick (2m, good to soft). HEART OF SPAIN 19l 3rd of 21 to Radanpour in a novice hurdle at Nottingham (2m, good to soft) on penultimate start. FRONTIER FLIGHT 45½l 6th of 10 to Devil's Den in a novice hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, heavy).
PALACE PARADE 22l 6th of 14 to Ground Nut in a maiden hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good to soft). PISTOL fair 7f-1m performer on Flat. FREE DANCER best recent effort when 19l 6th of 14 to Mr Geneaology in a novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good). KOSVILLE tailed off when pulled up before last in 8-runner novice hurdle at Leicester (2m, heavy). Won over 1m 2f on Flat in France.
Selection: PALACE PARADE

2.30 SHELDON CLAIMING CHASE (£2,287: 2m 110yd) (9 runners)

201 353/14-P MASTER SOUTH LAD 74 (F) (H Carroll & Son Ltd) W G M Turner 10-12-0 — R Darke (7) 69
202 34F-45P WELSH BARD 51 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs G Abecassis) C Brooks 10-12-0 — G Bradley 90
203 0114PU RATHER SHARP 11 (D,S) (M Long) C Popham 8-11-8 — A Dobbin 78
204 P354F-3 STAR'S DELIGHT 25 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) (M Pipe) M Pipe 12-11-8 — J Lower
205 P4U335 SAILOR'S DELIGHT 61 (F) (Mrs P Joynes) Mrs P Joynes 10-11-6 — Mr S Joynes (7) 69
206 PS1144 COTAPAXI 23 (D,F,G) (Mrs B Lock) R Hodges 9-11-4 — W Irvine 83
207 00UP6/1 DERRYMORE BOY 47 (G,S) (Mrs A Prosser) P Nicholls 12-11-0 — M A Fitzgerald 87
208 1231-33 GENERAL MERCHANT 12 (CD,F,B,S) (Mrs S Tate) R Hodges 14-11-0 — A Tory 86
209 PPS0P5 PALM SWIFT 11 (M Gomez) A Chamberlain 8-10-9 — C Maude 61

BETTING: 11-4 Welsh Bard, 3-1 Star's Delight, 4-1 Derrymore Boy, 6-1 Cotapaxi, 13-2 General Merchant, 7-1 Rather Sharp, 12-1 Sailor's Delight, 14-1 Master South Lad, 20-1 Palm Swift.

1993: ALDINGTON BELL 10-11-8 D Bridgwater (11-10 fav) C Trietline 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

MASTER SOUTH LAD beat St Athans Lad 8l in a 10-runner novice chase at Exeter (2m 1f 110yd, firm) last season. WELSH BARD 26l last of 5 to Ione Zulu in a handicap chase at Newbury (2m 1f, good) on penultimate start. STAR'S DELIGHT distance 3rd of 9 to Homme D'Affaire in a claiming chase at Lingfield (2m 4f 110yd, heavy). COTAPAXI best recent effort when beating One For The Pot 3l in 5-runner handicap chase at Worcester (2m, good). DERRYMORE BOY beat Playpen 3l in 7-runner claiming chase at Lingfield (2m 4f 110yd, heavy). GENERAL MERCHANT 13l 3rd of 7 to Wylam in handicap chase at Fontwell (2m 3f, soft).
Selection: STAR'S DELIGHT

3.00 ROYAL BATH AND WEST NOVICES CHASE
(£2,840: 3m) (7 runners)

301 4U5104 STAUNCH RIVAL 25 (CD,G,S) (C Humphry) G Thorner 7-11-10 — C Llewellyn 85
302 065-64P ARCTICFLOW 32 (N Thomson) N Thomson 9-11-4 — A Tory —
303 648-323 CASTLE BLUE 12 (BF) (R Parish) N Henderson 7-11-4 — J Osborne 79
304 PPP3UP DRAW LOTS 25 (D Paull) P Rodford 10-11-4 — I Shoemark —
305 081-543 HOUSE OF ROSES 146 (G) (A Coburn) P Nicholls 8-11-4 — G Bradley 72
306 25-0285 VAVASIR 18 (B,G) (R Caster) P Hobbs 8-11-4 — C Maude
307 PI-0P40P KATIEM'LU 12 (M Churches) M Churches 8-10-13 — D Salter (5) —

BETTING: 2-1 Castle Blue, 9-4 Staunch Rival, 4-1 House of Roses, 8-1 Vavasir, 16-1 Arcticflow, 20-1 others.

1993: POACHER'S DELIGHT 7-10-13 D Richmond (11-4) M Pipe 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

STAUNCH RIVAL 50l 4th of 13 to Florida Sky in a novice chase at Taunton (3m 3f, good to soft). ARCTICFLOW pulled up before 5th in novice chase at Wincanton (3m 1f 110yd, good to soft) with DRAW LOTS unseated rider 1st. CASTLE BLUE 4½l 3rd of 9 to Punch's Hotel in a novice handicap chase at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yd, soft) with KATIEM'LU pulled up before 4 out. HOUSE OF ROSES 4l 4th of 12 to Gilston Lass in a novice chase at Exeter (2m 6f 110yd, good) on penultimate start. VAVASIR best effort when 7l 2nd of 7 to The Glow in a novice chase at Windsor (2m 5f, soft).
Selection: VAVASIR (nap)

3.30 BATHPOOL NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (1,812: 2m 1f) (9 runners)

401 60P- SOPHISM 186F (M Pipe) M Pipe 5-11-3 — J Lower —
402 04631 PLAIN SAILING 7 (S) (M Meade) Martyn Meade 4-11-8 — M A Fitzgerald 95
403 6 IRENE'S ROLFE 18 (D Tucker) D Tucker 5-10-12 — J Neaves (7) —
404 504 KRAKATOA 70 (B) (B King) A Forte 5-10-12 — D Matthews (5) 78
405 P-0P LYCIAN MOON 11 (B) (Western Solvents Ltd) A Foster 5-10-12 — E Byrne —
406 40P230 MUSICAL PHONE 18 (R Coles) C Popham 4-10-9 — A Dobbin
407 0 THE LATCHKO 32 (C Budd) Mrs S Williams 4-10-9 — M Perrett —
408 LOWRIANNA 7F (R Bruce Morris) D Burchell 4-10-4 — D J Burchell —
409 4U RED MICKS WIFE 4 (Mrs B Nicholls) P Nicholls 4-10-4 — R Davis (3) —

BETTING: 9-4 Plain Sailing, 5-2 Sophism, 15-2 Red Micks Wife, 8-1 Lowrianna, 10-1 Krakatoa, Musical Phone, 12-1 Irene's Rolfe, 16-1 The Latchko, 25-1 Lycian Moon.

1993: RIVER ORCHID 4-10-4 M Fitzgerald (11-2) P Nicholls 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

PLAIN SAILING beat Yaalcor ½l in a 9-runner selling hurdle at Windsor (2m, soft). IRENE'S ROLFE 32½l 6th of 8 to Colossus of Roads in a National Hunt flat race at Lingfield (AW, 2m). KRAKATOA 47l 4th of 7 to October Brew in a selling novice hurdle at Exeter (2m 2f, heavy). MUSICAL PHONE best effort when 2l 2nd of 10 to Calogan in a maiden hurdle at Lingfield (AW, 2m 4f). RED MICKS WIFE 321½l 4th of 6 to Bizana in a maiden hurdle at Roscommon (2m, firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: MUSICAL PHONE

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 18 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 — B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.00 HAULWASTE HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,918: 2m 3f 110yd) (14 runners)

501 01-360 PROPAGANDA 17 (F) (Bloomsbury Stud) N Henderson 6-11-10 — M A Fitzgerald 88
502 0606-46 KHAZARI 24F (G) (Mrs C Moore) R Brotherton 6-11-7 — T Jenks (3) —
503 030-054 TILT TECH FLYER 9 (G) (P De Weck) C Broad 9-11-2 — G Bradley 89
504 1104-31 GOLDINGO 9 (C,S) (G Price) G Price 7-10-7 — R Davis (3) 92
505 5236-50 CHEERFUL TIMES 35 (B,S) (M Stallybrass) Mrs S Williams 11-10-6 — D O'Sullivan 97
506 1224/60 J BRAND 12 (B,S) (J Pasquale) R Hodges 7-10-3 — A Tory —
507 04220-2 THE MINDER 11 (B,G) (G Edwards) G Edwards 7-10-3 — D Salter (5)
508 25-6005 LAND OF THE FREE 11 (CD,F,S) (R Johns) R Baker 5-10-0 — J Osborne 94
509 22034-5 JUST 8 (V,C,S) (Martin Pipe Racing Club) M Pipe 8-10-0 — L Reynolds (7) 94
510 506340 MARIOLINO 11 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs S Fletcher) K Bishop 7-10-0 — M Moran (7) 98
511 5R2240/ BOADICEA'S CHARIOT 797 (F) (Mrs R J Manning) R Manning 7-10-0 — C Maude —
512 0004 SO AUDACIOUS 23 (Mrs D Fletcher) N Gaselee 6-10-0 — C Llewellyn 87
513 6-P5551 LUCKY BLUE 9 (D,S) (Mrs S M Palmer) N Thomson 7-10-0 — T Thompson (7) 83
514 000/PY CHIROPODIST 1069 (F,S) (Mrs M Wilson) A J Wilson 10-10-0 — V Slattery —

BETTING: 7-2 The Minder, 9-2 Just, 5-1 Goldingo, 15-2 Tilt Tech Flyer, 8-1 Khazari, Propaganda, 12-1 Land Of The Free, 14-1 J Brand, Lucky Blue, 16-1 Mariolino, 20-1 others.

1993: HIGHLAND SPIRIT 5-11-9 P Scudamore (13-8) M Pipe 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

PROPAGANDA best effort when 5l 3rd of 9 to Here He Comes in a handicap hurdle at Windsor (2m, good). GOLDINGO beat Ballerina Rose 8l in a 9-runner handicap hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f, soft) with TILT TECH FLYER (8lb better off) 2l 4th and JUST (5lb better off) 6l 5th. CHEERFUL TIMES 17½l 5th of 11 to Jump Start in a handicap hurdle at Windsor (2m, good to soft) on penultimate start with LAND OF THE FREE tailed off 9th. THE MINDER ½l 2nd of 7 to Fair Brother in a handicap hurdle over course and distance (good to soft) with LAND OF THE FREE (3lb better off) 8l 5th. LUCKY BLUE beat Fortunes Course neck in a 14-runner novice handicap hurdle at Hereford (2m 3f 110yd, soft).
Selection: GOLDINGO

4.30 MITFORD SLADE CHALLENGE TROPHY HUNTERS CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,032: 3m) (15 runners)

601 34/0P- CITY ENTERTAINER 478 (D,G,S) (Miss L Morgan) Miss L Morgan 13-12-7 — S Shinton (7) —
602 64P-06 DISTILLATION 30P (B,G,S) (G Edwards) G Edwards 9-12-7 — R White (7) 76
603 213-34 KNOCKUMSHIN 17 (CD,F,G,S) (S Smith) S J Smith 11-12-7 — T Byrne (5) 88
604 35-12R STRONG GOLD 9P (B,F,G,S) (P Bonner) Mrs D McCarthy 11-12-7 — T McCarthy (7)
605 3-4221 ANDROS PRINCE 10 (D,G,S) (Miss C Gordon) Miss C Gordon 9-12-5 — M Felton (7) 97
606 U8F-PP MARTIN THOMAS 30P (S) (G Hobbs) G Hobbs 11-12-5 — A Price (7) —
607 P/PP-6 ARTFUL ARTHUR 6 (B) (Mrs P Beck) L Gassick 8-12-0 — J Grassick (7) —
608 /P/F COLCOMBE CASTLE 11 (S) (B W Rendell) B Rendell 11-12-0 — H Rowsell (7) —
609 11-F COOL RELATION 51P (F,G,S) (D Caro) D Caro 8-12-0 — A Phillips (7) —
610 4-FUU3 DOUBTING DONNA 9 (D,G,S) (Mrs D Hughes) Mrs D Hughes 8-12-0 — V Hughes (7) 67
611 P/P-P4 BATTERSTOWN 7 (B,D,G) (Mrs N Gollo) Mrs N Gollo 11-12-0 — S Mulcaire (7) 75
612 P/5-34 SANDBROOK 11 (R J Willcox) R Willcox 10-12-0 — K Cousins (7) 86
613 0/41P SEARCHER 9P (F,S) (D Kemp-Gee) D Kemp-Gee 9-12-0 — Miss L Blackford (7) 77
614 SF0/P- TERRA DI SIENA 360P (F,G,S) (P Browne) Mrs N Mackay 12-12-0 — J Creighton (7) —
615 0/2-P TOO LATE 18P (F,S) (Mrs E Richards) Mrs S Maude 11-12-0 — R Nuttall (7) —

□ Form figures include point-to-points

BETTING: 5-2 Knockumshin, 3-1 Cool Relation, 7-2 Andros Prince, 7-1 Strong Gold, 8-1 Sandbrook, 12-1 City Entertainer, Too Late, 14-1 others.

1993: KNOCKUMSHIN 10-12-0 T Byrne (5-4 fav) S Smith 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

KNOCKUMSHIN about ¾l 3rd of 14 to Brown Windsor in a hunter chase at Ludlow (3m, good) on penultimate start. STRONG GOLD best effort when beating Fenwick 8l in a 12-runner Open at Cottenham (good to firm). ANDROS PRINCE beat Swishoe Croft distance in a 4-runner hunter chase at Newbury (3m, good). COOL RELATION beat Blue Cheek 10l in a 13-runner Club Intermediate Members at Ashbourne (good to soft) last season. SANDBROOK 12½l 4th of 17 to Bonanza Boy in a hunter chase at Ludlow (3m, good). SEARCHER beat Columbique 1l in a 10-runner Intermediate at Great Trethew (heavy) on penultimate start.
Selection: ANDROS PRINCE

5.00 WIDCOMBE NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,781: 2m 1f) (9 runners)

1 320-00 FALCONBRIDGE BAY 70 (P Shakespeare) N Henderson 7-11-10 — M A Fitzgerald 80
2 4050 BROAD STEANE 34 (Sir Michael Connell) S Mellor 5-11-7 — M Perrett
3 3S/002-0 HEDGEHOPPER 40 (B) (D Knox) C Weedon 6-11-4 — J Osborne 86
4 000/00-F ODYSSEUS 91 (R Waley-Cohen) R Waley-Cohen 8-10-9 — R White (7) —
5 UP4 MANDYS LAD 24 (T Walpole) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-9 — C Llewellyn 87
6 /P5/00-0 MARINER'S WALK 18 (R Williams) J Bradley 7-10-7 — A Dobbin 85
7 00/0P BELLE LOCK 18 (D Tucker) D Tucker 6-10-4 — J Neaves (7) —
8 P-FP520 SHARPSIDE 9 (B,BF,S) (B Green) P Hobbs 7-10-4 — C Maude 96
9 00-0065 THE QUAKER 11 (R Hawker) R Hawker 8-10-4 — Lorna Vincent 94

BETTING: 100-30 Mandys Lad, 4-1 Falconbridge Bay, 5-1 Sharpside, 13-2 Hedgehopper, 7-1 Broad Steane, 9-1 Odysseus, 10-1 Mariner's Walk, The Quaker, 20-1 Belle Lock.

1993: LAVALIGHT 5-10-0 I Lawrence (25-1) R Hodges 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

BROAD STEANE 24l 5th of 14 to Corrouge in a novice hurdle at Kempton (2m 5f, good to soft) on penultimate start with THE QUAKER tailed off. HEDGEHOPPER best effort when 2l 2nd of 12 to Aldahe in a novice handicap hurdle at Lingfield (AW, 2m 4f) last season. MANDYS LAD 30l 4th of 8 to Coiled Spring in a novice hurdle at Fakenham (2m 5f, good). SHARPSIDE one-paced 8l 2nd of 6 to Saint Ciel in a novice handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, soft) on penultimate start. THE QUAKER 35l 5th of 20 to Mariner's Air in a novice hurdle at Warwick (2m, good to soft).
Selection: SHARPSIDE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
S Mellor	6	16	37.5	M Perrett	8	32	25.0
M Pipe	52	187	27.8	J Lower	10	42	23.8
O Sherwood	3	13	23.1	D O'Sullivan	3	15	20.0
C Broad	3	15	20.0	D Salter	4	23	17.4
P Hobbs	9	75	12.0	D Matthews	3	18	16.7
P Nicholls	4	35	11.4	J Osborne	5	33	15.2

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NATIONAL HUNT LEADERS

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
A Maguire	143	120	74	3	+10.31
R Dunwoody	131	107	84	19	-103.55
J Osborne	81	64	45	15	-52.82
P Niven	70	56	35	3	-40.68
N Williamson	68	75	48	14	-56.34
G McCourt	53	40	36	16	-26.53
M A Fitzgerald	49	39	51	8	-83.78
D Murphy	45	44	40	0	-32.39
L Wyer	40	27	34	0	+78.69
D Bridgwater	35	25	28	1	-84.90
G Bradley	34	21	22	4	-41.45
C Llewellyn	34	37	31	7	-109.91

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
M Pipe	87	64	40	1	-14.88
Mrs M Reveley	77	65	39	1	-5.57
D Nicholson	64	48	32	1	+48.00
K Bailey	57	44	28	8	-14.37
N Twiston-Davies	48	38	39	31	-81.65
J White	43	30	28	3	-73.47
P Hobbs	42	34	32	6	+87.78
J Gifford	37	48	30	1	-26.62
O Sherwood	33	21	23	6	+8.04
G Richards	33	35	31	1	-110.56
M Hammond	33	40	24	6	-62.79
J Johnson	30	12	12	9	+85.01

Sandown Park

Going: good (chase course); good to soft (hurdles)

1.55 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Easthaw (Mr C Ward Thomas, 25-1); 2, Hey Cottage (12-1); 3, The Master Gunner (11-8 fav). 6 ran. ¾l, 3l. T Forster. Tote: £28.70; £5.20, £2.60. DF: £60.70. CSF: £206.71.

2.25 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Squire Silk (S McNeill, 9-2); 2, Bedeemyourself (8-1); 3, Lodestone Lad (50-1). Master Nova 11-4 fav. 25 ran. NR: Rectory Garden, Tex Mex. Sh hd, 10l. A Turnell. Tote: £5.30; £1.90, £2.40, £6.10. DF: £15.50. Trio: £414.50. CSF: £40.40.

2.55 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Shamshom Al Arab (Miss V Haigh, 50-1); 2, Happy Horse (7-2); 3, Noble Insight (12-1). Second Call 3-1 fav. 8 ran. 3l, 4l. J Jenkins. Tote: £44.40; £8.10, £1.40, £3.00. DF: £120.10. CSF: £197.13. Tricast: £2,058.73.

3.30 (2m ch) 1, Cabochon (J Frost, 11-4); 2, Big Beat (13-8 fav); 3, Tudor Fable (8-1). 6 ran. 1½l, 6l. R Frost. Tote: £4.20; £1.70, £1.50. DF: £4.30. CSF: £7.18.

4.05 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Precious Boy (L Wyer, 33-1); 2, Riva (8-1); 3, Leotard (16-1). Olympian 9-4 fav. 13 ran. NR: Nikitas. Nk, 3l. M Meagher. Tote: £30.20; £8.20, £3.20, £4.30. DF: £334.50. Trio: £2,138.30. CSF: £250.02. Tricast: £3,934.81.

Nap: PHILIP'S WOODY
(2.40 Hereford)
Next best: Deependable
(3.40 Hereford)

4.40 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Buck Willow (D Murphy, 4-1 jt-fav; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Annio Chilone (7-1); 3, Solidasarock (4-1 jt-fav). 8 ran. 15l, 6l. J Gifford. Tote: £4.40; £1.40, £2.10, £1.40. DF: £9.40. CSF: £29.71. Tricast: £108.54.

5.10 (2m 110yd flat) 1, Falmouth Bay (Mr J Durkan, 5-1); 2, Castle Chief (11-2); 3, Foxbow (10-1). Jungle King 7-2 fav. 22 ran. 1½l, 2½l. S Sherwood. Tote: £9.00; £3.50, £2.40, £3.80. DF: £21.30. Trio: £120.00. CSF: £37.20.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £36,300.63 carried forward to Taunton today).
Placepot: £5,398.30.

Chepstow

1.00 1, Rusty Reel (13-8 jt-fav); 2, Habasha (100-30); 3, Quick Silver Boy (16-1). Squire York 13-8 jt-fav. 4 ran.

1.30 1, Opal's Tenspot (2-1 jt-fav); 2, Auvillar (11-2); 3, Poppets Pet (9-2). Crystal Bear 2-1 jt-fav. 5 ran.

2.00 1, Ralkeel (Evens fav); 2, Keep Me In Mind (16-1); 3, Derrymoyle (11-8). 4 ran. NR: Rosina Mae.

2.30 1, The Portsoy Loon (9-2); 2, Blakeington (33-1); 3, Ebony Gale (2-1). Rakaia River 5-4 fav. 6 ran.

3.00 1, Radlid (11-10 fav); 2, Little Tom (6-4); 3, Wingspan (5-1). 3 ran.

3.35 1, So Proud (5-4 fav); 2, Man For All Season (9-4); 3, Nick The Dreamer (11-2). 6 ran.

Ayr

1.40 1, Kenilworth Lad (2-5 fav); 2, Glen Mirage (20-1); 3, Double Standards (15-2). 11 ran.

2.15 1, Gallateen (2-9 fav); 2, Macconachie (33-1); 3, Fling In Spring (16-1). 7 ran.

2.50 1, Dawtry (11-10 jt-fav); 2, Ballon (11-10 jt-fav); 3, Funny Rose (66-1). 5 ran.

3.25 1, Johnny's Slipper (11-2); 2, Truely Royal (13-2); 3, Laplaffe (14-1). Run Pet Run 5-2 fav. 8 ran. NR: Four Trix, Pink Gin.

4.00 1, Sweet City (6-1); 2, Red Tempest (14-1); 3, It's The Pits (Evens fav). 8 ran.

4.30 1, One For The Pot (11-4); 2, Abbot Of Furness (11-8 fav); 3, Pressure Game (20-1). 4 ran.

5.00 1, Lochnagrain (3-1); 2, Ben Cruachan (10-1); 3, Ballyalla Castle (11-2). Sigma Run 7-4 fav. 11 ran.

Southwell

2.10 1, Knockavarry (4-1); 2, Son Of Iris (14-1); 3, Smith's Band (4-1). Konvekta Control 5-4 fav. 10 ran. NR: Bedouin Prince, Kiminfoyle.

2.45 1, Tusky (4-1); 2, Bonanza (8-11 fav); 3, Windward Ariom (16-1). 8 ran.

3.15 1, Ufano (20-1); 2, Lobric (11-1); 3, Run Up The Flag (10-11 fav). 7 ran.

3.45 1, Howgill (10-1); 2, Weekday Cross (8-1); 3, Master's Crown (33-1). Vazon Bay 3-1 fav. 9 ran.

4.20 1, Baltic Brown (11-4); 2, Sirrah Jay (20-1); 3, Mega Blue (9-4 fav). 6 ran.

4.50 1, Wamdha (3-1); 2, Bigwheel Bill (5-2 fav); 3, D'Arblay Street (7-1). 7 ran.

□ Rusty Reel, trained by Ian Campbell at Newmarket, has the Ir£30,000 Guinness Four-Year-Old Hurdle at Punchestown next month on his agenda after an impressive win in the Hywel Davies Retirement Hurdle at Chepstow on Saturday.

THUNDERER

2.20 Sir Thomas Beecham. 2.50 Hangover. 3.20 Manon Lescaut. 3.50 Baron Bob. 4.20 Construction. 4.50 Gallant Effort.

Brian Beel: 3.50 Baron Bob.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (HEAVY IN PLACES) — SIS

2.20 ARDINGLY NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,543: 2m 1f) (8 runners)

1 KINON-PENNY 8 Stevens 6-11-2 — W McFarland —
2 0 SECRETARY OF STATE 118 C Egerton 8-11-2 — J Railton 91
3 3- SHANAKEE 395 J Ffitch-Heyes 7-11-2 — E Murphy 98
4 03 WEE WINDY 14 J Gilford 5-11-2 — D Murphy 97
5 134 SIR THOMAS BEECHAM 16F (CD,G) S Dow 4-11-0 — A Dicken
6 UP DOMITOR'S LASS 35 R Ledger 7-10-11 — Mrs N Ledger —
7 040 WORLDLY PROSPECT 40 Miss N Berry 6-10-11 — A Maguire 91
8 RUN TO AU BON 37F A Moore 4-10-8 — J Clarke —

2-1 Wee Windy, 11-4 Sir Thomas Beecham, 7-2 Shanakee, 6-1 Secretary Of State, 16-1 Worldly Prospect, 25-1 others.

2.50 SUSAN PAYNE BETTER LATE THAN NEVER VALENTINES NOVICES CHASE (£2,318: 2m 5f) (5)

1 /3-0 DISCO DUKE 23 (F) A Moore 9-11-4 — J Clarke 70
2 -342 HANGOVER 14 (B,S) R Lee 8-11-4 — A Maguire
3 F44- IDLEIGH'S STAR 474 A Moore 10-11-4 — M Richards —
4 242P THE WHIP 19 D Grissell 7-11-4 — J Railton —
5 6255 PRIVATE JET 14 J Ffitch-Heyes 5-10-9 — E Murphy —

13-8 Hangover, 5-2 Private Jet, 3-1 The Whip, 6-1 Idleigh's Star, 12-1 Disco Duke.

3.20 UCKFIELD SELLING HURDLE (£1,769: 2m 1f) (7)

1 5F46 CYRILL HENRY 12 (D,F,G) P Winkworth 5-12-1 — Mr G Cosgrove (7) 88
2 3652 MY SENOR 25 (V,S) M Madgwick 5-12-1 — T Grantham 98
3 0P BARGIN BOY 122 J Long 5-11-3 — Leesa Long —
4 4342 YAAFOOR 7 (B) P Hedger 5-11-3 — M Richards 92
5 642 MANON LESCAUT 13 J White 4-10-4 — A Maguire
6 P PARIS BY NIGHT 11 R Hodges 4-10-4 — S Smith Eccles —
7 4 QUIET CONFIDENCE 54 J Mullins 4-10-4 — S Curran (5) —

9-4 Manon Lescaut, 11-4 Yaafoor, 3-1 My Senor, 8-1 Cyrill Henry, 12-1 Quiet Confidence, 14-1 Bargin Boy, 20-1 Paris By Night.

3.50 CLAPPER CHALLENGE CUP HUNTERS CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,548: 3m 1f 110yd) (7)

1 F-33 MANDRAKI SHUFFLE 11 (B,D,F,G) O Sherwood 12-12-8 — A Harvey (7) 83
2 32-31 WREKIN HILL 16P (D,G,S) Mrs J Wilkinson 12-12-8 — Mrs J Wilkinson (7) 94
3 16-24 TRYUMPHANT LAD 16P (CD,F,G,S) M Deasley 10-12-5 — S Deasley (7) 76
4 A/11 BARON BOB 23P (G,S) H Wellstead 9-12-0 — M G Miller (7) —
5 4-05P BARON MANA 9P (F) Mrs B Hill 9-12-0 — Miss M Hill (7) —
6 0-64 TEAM CHALLENGE 9 (CD,F,G,S) R Lee 12-12-0 — J Rees (7)
7 2-21 TOPPING-THE-BILL 9P (F,S) Mrs Coveney 9-12-0 — A Welsh (7) —

6-4 Baron Bob, 3-1 Mandraki Shuffle, 9-2 Team Challenge, 7-1 others.

4.20 DON BUTCHERS CHALLENGE TROPHY
(Handicap hurdle: £2,163: 2m 4f) (10)

1 20P5 MANHATTAN BOY 14 (CD,F,G,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 12-11-10 — A Maguire 94
2 126- STRAIGHT LACED 298 (B,D,G) P Clarke 7-11-8 — D Forti (5) 97
3 26-2 LYPH 6F (C,D,F,G) P Hedger 8-11-5 — M Richards 85
4 F5P3 THE MRS 14 (F,S) J Mullins 8-11-5 — S Curran (5) 90
5 P24P CAPSIZE 46 (V,G) A Moore 8-11-4 — G Upton —
6 6605 SMILING CHIEF 19 (G,S) R Hodges 6-11-0 — S Smith Eccles 88
7 3213 CONSTRUCTION 18 (D,BF,F,G) R Ingram 9-10-10 — D Gallagher 95
8 2164 QUALITAIR MEMORY 18 (D,BF,S) J Akehurst 5-10-5 — S Ryan (7)
9 D4P0 WILTOSKI 35 (D,F,G) R Ledger 6-10-0 — Mrs N Ledger 98
10 -300 CASTLE ORCHARD 19 P Hayward 10-10-0 — A Procter (3) 92

7-2 The Mrs, 4-1 Lyph, 9-2 Construction, 6-1 Manhattan Boy, Qualitair Memory, 7-1 Smiling Chief, 16-1 others.

4.50 BOLNEY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,685: 2m 5f) (7)

1 61P4 TAMMY'S FRIEND 35 (B,C,D,BF,F,S) Mrs J Pitman 7-12-0 — J Railton 97
2 0132 GALLANT EFFORT 26 (D,BF,G,S) S Dow 6-11-11 — A Maguire 93
3 95PP POWDER BOY 25 (F,G) R Hodges 9-11-1 — S Smith Eccles 93
4 -802 GLENGRIFFIN 103 (G) J Gilford 9-10-11 — D Murphy
5 -PUP BE SURPRISED 35 (G) A Moore 8-10-6 — G Upton —
6 4434 ROCKMOUNT ROSE 26 (F) R Rowe 9-10-6 — C Burnett-Wells (5) 92
7 2282 OLD ROAD 9 (B,C,F,G,S) D Wintle 8-10-2 — P McDermott 98

2-1 Gallant Effort, 4-1 Glengriffin, 5-1 Rockmount Rose, Old Road, 6-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Egerton, 10 winners from 19 runners, 52.6%; Mrs J Pitman, 11 from 35, 31.4%; J White, 33 from 125, 26.4%; D Grissell, 11 from 58, 19.0%; S Dow, 7 from 37, 18.9%.

JOCKEYS: A Maguire, 33 winners from 112 rides, 29.5%; W McFarland, 6 from 30, 20%; D Murphy, 6 from 32, 18.8%; T Grantham, 6 from 35, 17.1%; J Clarke, 5 from 36, 13.9%.

HEREFORD

THUNDERER

2.10 On The Sauce. 2.40 Always Remember. 3.10 FORTUNES COURSE (nap). 3.40 Sandaig. 4.10 Urban Cowboy. 4.40 Monty Royale. 5.10 Mariner's Air.

Private Handicapper's top rating:
5.10 MARINER'S AIR.

GOING: GOOD — SIS

2.10 PUTLEY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,907: 3m 2f) (17 runners)

1 -113 ON THE SAUCE 9 (B,CD,BF,G,S) M Pipe 7-12-7 — T Dascombe (7)
2 31/ LEVY FREE 345P (F) N Smith 9-11-7 — Mr N Bradley (7)
3 2665 LITTLE BIG 11 (F) C Broad 7-10-12 — N Collum (7)
4 2133 IT'S NOT MY FAULT 17 (G,S) D Wintle 6-10-4 — W Marston
5 0-40 ENBORNE LAD 17 (B,G,S) G Enright 10-10-4 — G McCourt
6 52PP BARLEY MOW 40 (F,G) Mrs B Waring 8-10-3 — N Mann
7 R2PR LEGAL WIN 14 (F) D Burrows 6-10-2 — Mr G Shenkin (7)
8 P666 GROTIUS 17 (B,S) G Ham 10-10-0 — R Bellamy
9 45-0 GAELGOIR 17 (S) C Jackson 10-10-0 — W Humphreys
10 /05 MISTRESS ROSS 98 (C,F,G) G Thorner 11-10-0 — D Bridgwater
11 4254 TESEKKUREDERIM 26 W Clay 7-10-0 — Diane Clay
12 /P4 MARLBOROUGH LADY 187 (F) Mrs A Knight 8-10-0 — S Burrough
13 P/3 LEAVE IT OUT 12 R Frost 12-10-0 — J Frost
14 PP66 PRINCE VALMY 11 N Ayliffe 9-10-0 — B Powell
15 6550 FILM LIGHTING GIRL 47 R Emery 8-10-0 — R Supple
16 00P3 BRIGHT SAPPHIRE 18 (F,G,S) J Bradley 8-10-0 — R Farrant (3)
17 6040 HELLO VANOS 32 C Besser 6-10-0 — A Thornton (3)

9-2 On The Sauce, 5-1 It's Not My Fault, 6-1 Barley Mow, 8-1 Leave It Out, Enborne Lad, 10-1 Bright Sapphire, Tesekkuredirim, 14-1 others.

2.40 HAGLEY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,489: 2m) (9)

1 3541 PHILIP'S WOODY 14 (D,G,S) N Henderson 6-11-10 — J R Kavanagh
2 UPU3 ALWAYS REMEMBER 9 (G) P Hobbs 7-10-11 — B Clifford
3 034P EMERALD RULER 10 (G) J Webber 7-10-5 — G McCourt
4 -05P PERCY SMOLLETT 11 (F) J McConnochie 6-10-6 — R Bellamy
5 45P4 KING'S RARITY 98 (G) C Popham 8-10-2 — B Powell
6 0513 BEAUFAN 11 (B,S) B Cambidge 7-10-0 — Gary Lyons
7 4516 FRANKUS 100 (F,G) S Mellor 5-10-0 — S Earle
8 PP-F MARCH LANE 118 J Webber 7-10-0 — D Bridgwater
9 -P0P BROADWOOD LAD 9 R Eckley 8-10-0 — P McLoughlin (7)

9-4 Philip's Woody, 3-1 Always Remember, 9-2 Beaufan, 7-1 Frankus, 12-1 others.

3.10 HOECHST PANACUR EBF MARES NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,229: 2m 3f 110yd) (17)

1 5213 ANNA VALLEY 118 (F) G Balding 8-11-6 — Richard Guest
2 08-1 GO MARY 48 (S) Miss C Phillips 8-11-5 — W Marston
3 06 ARCHIE'S SISTER 23 R Dickin 5-10-12 — D Meredith (3)
4 -0P0 ARLEY GALE 11 D McCain 6-10-12 — G McCourt
5 BOOK OF RYMES 679P Miss R Pitman 7-10-12 — W Humphreys
6 PP0- CRAZY DAISY 426 (G) W G M Turner 7-10-12 — G Rowe
7 D-0 DIANE'S PRIDE 9 W Clay 5-10-12 — Mr S Leavy
8 0F ELANDS CASTLE 11 M Wilkinson 6-10-12 — R Supple
9 0032 FORTUNES COURSE 9 J King 5-10-12 — J R Kavanagh
10 00 MISS PALEFACE 82 R Frost 6-10-12 — J Frost
11 -800 PRECIOUS JUNO 11 (S) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-12 — I Lawrence
12 000 QUAGO 32 R Buckler 6-10-12 — B Powell
13 0P22 STORMY SUNSET 11 W Dennis 7-10-12 — Mr N Moore (7)
14 04/ THE FOOLISH ONE 303P R Alner 7-10-12 — S Earle
15 2243 TOO SHARP 11 (BF) Miss H Knight 6-10-12 — J McCarthy (3)
16 D-0 TRUE STORM 17 J Spearing 5-10-12 — D Bridgwater
17 0-4F WONDERFULL POLLY 123 P Nicholls 6-10-12 — Guy Lewis (5)

5-2 Anna Valley, 3-1 Too Sharp, 5-1 Fortunes Course, 6-1 Go Mary, 8-1 others.

3.40 TRUMPET HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,906: 3m 1f 110yd) (8)

1 225F FLYER'S NAP 17 (S) R Alner 8-11-10 — S Earle
2 U4F1 DEEPENDABLE 33 (B,G) N Henderson 7-11-4 — J R Kavanagh
3 F203 SANDAIG 73 (B,G) K Bailey 8-11-4 — A Thornton (3)
4 41PU SAM SHORROCK 17 (B,CD,G,S) G Thorner 12-11-1 — Mr G Johnson Houghton
5 -P5P CASINO MAGIC 82 (C,F,G,S) J Spearing 10-11-0 — W Marston
6 -354 THAMESDOWN TOOTSIE 40 (G,S) A Jones 9-10-13 — S McNeill
7 0F45 FAST CRUISE 34 (G,S) E Owen jun 9-10-12 — G McCourt
8 P403 HICKELTON LAD 12 (F,G) D Williams 10-10-5 — Miss S Higgins (7)

9-4 Deependable, 7-2 Sandaig, 4-1 Flyer's Nap, 6-1 Thamesdown Tootsie, 8-1 Fast Cruise, 10-1 Sam Shorrock, 16-1 others.

4.10 AYLTON MAIDEN CHASE
(£2,580: 2m 3f) (16)

1 0 BULAMONTEE 9 K Bailey 6-11-5 — A Thornton (3)
2 6P00 CANAVER 44 J Webber 8-11-5 — G McCourt
3 -P05 CARLSAN 11 Mrs A Price 8-11-5 — Mr M Jackson
4 45-P CELTIC ROMPER 34 T Hoolbrooke 7-11-5 — R Bellamy
5 0002 COOLREE 93 (F) P Nicholls 6-11-5 — Guy Lewis (5)
6 PP26 DEEP IN GREEK 11 D Williams 8-11-5 — Mr G Hogan (7)
7 6-PP EIGHTY EIGHT 34 Mrs H Dowson 9-11-5 — W Marston
8 34PP MONKSANDER 72 P Ritchens 8-11-5 — Richard Guest
9 235- OH SO BOLD 287 J Bradley 7-11-5 — R Farrant (3)
10 6PPP PARSON'S WAY 10 (B) A Jones 7-11-5 — —
11 UP4P REDAKA 40 J Mackie 7-11-5 — T Eley (3)
12 0-00 RIVAGE BLEU 40 J King 7-11-5 — J R Kavanagh
13 2332 URBAN COWBOY 12 C James 7-11-5 — S McNeill
14 6B3P WILLIE MCGARR 37 (B,S) Mrs D Thomas 9-11-5 — B Powell
15 P0/ MERRY MUSE 710 N Gaselee 8-11-0 — R Supple
16 PPP6 ESSEN AITCH 12 Mrs H Parrott 5-10-5 — D Bridgwater

3-1 Urban Cowboy, 9-2 Coolree, 5-1 Willie McGarr, 6-1 Oh So Bold, 8-1 Rivage Bleu, 12-1 Deep In Greek, Redaka, 16-1 others.

4.40 MUNSLEY NOVICES HURDLE
(Div I: £1,553: 2m 1f) (13)

1 221 MONTY ROYALE 11 (G) K Bailey 5-11-11 — A Thornton (3)
2 124 TIME FOR A FLUTTER 89 (G) C James 5-11-6 — Mr E James (7)
3 02 BEE BEAT 9 H Manners 6-11-4 — M Bosley
4 00-0 CHARGED 24 P Hobbs 5-11-4 — M Hourigan
5 300 COMEDIMAN 80 D Nicholson 6-11-4 — Mr G Hogan (7)
6 /0-5 KILLTUBBER HOUSE 14 R Lee 8-11-4 — L Harvey
7 F6-P LLES LE BUCFLOW 11 F Jordan 6-11-4 — R Supple
8 4-00 MARAND 76 Mrs N Sharpe 5-11-4 — I Lawrence
9 00-6 NEWHALL PRINCE 11 J Smith 6-11-4 — T Eley (3)
10 0-0P SNOWSHILL SHAKER 128 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-4 — D Bridgwater
11 26-3 BLAST FREEZE 212 (G) N Henderson 5-10-13 — J R Kavanagh
12 55 GESNERA 75 K White 6-10-13 — G McCourt
13 02-0 ROYAL GLINT 40 H Haynes 5-10-13 — Mr B Pollock (7)

3-1 Monty Royale, 4-1 Time For A Flutter, 5-1 Bee Beat, 6-1 Blast Freeze, 8-1 Comediman, 10-1 Charged, 12-1 Gesnera, 14-1 Newhall Prince, 16-1 others.

5.10 MUNSLEY NOVICES HURDLE
(Div II: £1,553: 2m 1f) (13)

1 0-41 CHAPEL OF BARRAS 110 (G,S) P Hobbs 5-11-11 — M Hourigan
2 0321 MARINER'S AIR 11 (S) J Spearing 7-11-6 — W Marston
3 3434 ANDRATH 11 D Jones 6-11-4 — W Humphreys
4 SP BEACHY GLEN 46 G Ham 7-11-4 — S Mackey
5 GANDERTON MY M Wilkinson 7-11-4 — S Earle
6 65 HIZAL 7 H Manners 5-11-4 — M Appleby (7)
7 00-0 KHAKI LIGHT 115 M Charles 6-11-4 — M Sharratt
8 -006 MUCH 9 Mrs A Price 7-11-4 — Mr M Jackson
9 PPP6 ROYAL BAIT 14 D Burrows 6-11-4 — J Frost
10 04/ TRIPLE SENSATION 674 C Broad 7-11-4 — Jacqui Oliver
11 0-60 GIVE ME HOPE 85 Mrs N Sharpe 6-10-13 — Pat Thompson (7)
12 54-0 STORMY PETREL 9 P Walwyn 5-10-13 — B Powell
13 0350 TENAYESTELIGN 11 D Marks 6-10-13 — J McCarthy (3)

5-2 Mariner's Air, 3-1 Chapel Of Barras, 9-2 Andrath, 6-1 Triple Sensation, 8-1 Tenayestelign, 14-1 Much, 16-1 Hizal, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Alner, 4 winners from 8 runners, 50.0%; N Henderson, 9 from 21, 42.9%; R Buckler, 6 from 14, 42.9%; G Enright, 3 from 7, 42.9%; M Pipe, 40 from 120, 33.3%; N T-Davies, 11 from 35, 31.4%.

JOCKEYS: Diane Clay, 3 from 9, 33.3%; J A McCarthy, 3 from 10, 30.0%; M Hourigan, 5 from 20, 25%; Jacqui Oliver, 4 from 16, 25%; G Bradley, 3 from 12, 25%; S McNeill, 14 from 64, 21.9%; D Bridgwater, 15 from 81, 18.5%.

The Times unveils cricket competition for 1994 season

Put your selection talents to the test

THE start of the cricket season is less than a month away and *The Times*, in association with Canon UK Ltd, has joined the Test and County Cricket Board in an exclusive arrangement to produce a game that will keep armchair cricket-lovers happy throughout the season. Play *The Times* First Class XI, and you can use your skills as a cricket selector to win a trip for two to any Test match anywhere in the world next year.

Every run your players score and every wicket they take will count towards your score. On these pages we have provided everything you will need to make your selection: all the averages, and all the fixtures that will count. There are no artificial additives, no handicaps, no ratings, no transfer fees, just a test of cricketing knowledge and selection skill. Pick your team, and follow your players' progress in *The Times*, the paper for cricket.

How to play: Simply pick the team that you think will accumulate the most runs and wickets in the first-class cricket season. We have listed 269 players, all registered with the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), and placed them in the following categories:

Batsmen (numbered 001-113); **all-rounders** (114-156); **wicketkeepers** (157-176) and **bowlers** (177-269).

There are also three secondary categories: **Captains** (18), one from each county; **overseas players** (18), one from each county and **rising stars** (28), promising players as selected by *The Times*.

Your team of 11 must be made up as follows: **five batsmen; one all-rounder; one wicketkeeper; four bowlers.** No other combination will be accepted and players may only be selected as categorised by *The Times*. (For example, Graeme Hick may only be chosen as an all-rounder, not as a batsman). Each player has a number which must be used when selecting him for the game.

There are three further restrictions to your selection.

1) In your XI, you must pick one — *and no more than one* — from the list of **captains**. For example, if you pick Alec Stewart (captain of Surrey), he will count as captain and batsman. You may not pick another captain, even from another playing category.

2) You must also pick one — *and no more than one* — of the players listed in the **overseas player** category.

3) You must pick one — *and no more than one* — of the players in the **rising stars** category. Your rising star may be a batsman, all-rounder, wicketkeeper or bowler.

In addition to the 11 players picked for the team, you must select one reserve for each of the primary categories (batsmen, all-rounders, wicketkeeper, bowlers). No captains, overseas players or rising stars may be selected as reserves. These reserves will only become active in the event of a first-choice player being officially declared inactive (for reasons of injury) for the rest of the season by *The Times* First Class XI panel. In that case your reserve will be automatically activated and his score from that moment will be added to the injured player's total. Only one replacement will be allowed in each of the four primary categories. A player declared inactive cannot re-enter the game. Having selected your team, you may give it a name.

How to score: Scores will be measured by the following means: **runs** (the aggregate runs scored by all 11 players); **wickets** (the wickets taken by all 11 players; **wicketkeeping dismissals** (catches and stumpings made by your wicketkeeper).

Each run will count as one point, each wicket as 20 points, each wicketkeeper's dismissal as 20 points (the last two categories will be listed under the heading, wickets). The total of runs and wickets will represent the entrant's total team score. The object of *The Times* First Class XI is to select the 11 players that will accumulate the most points.

In the event of a tie, competitors will be separated by counting the score of their reserves, the highest total winning. If that is insufficient, the score of the rising star will be decisive. If a further tie-break is necessary, the final tied competitors will be asked to pick their player of the season and explain why.

All matches deemed to be first-class by the TCCB (five, four or three days) will count. One-day matches will not count. At the end of each round of matches and each competition period, *The Times* will publish the list of categorised names and their updated aggregate point scores.

How to enter: There are five separate competitions. First, the main competition which runs throughout the 1994 English cricket season and for which entries must be received no later than April 13. Then there are four short competitions covering the matches which take place between **April 13-May 23; May 24-June 27; June 29-August 8; August 10-September 19.**

Entries for the main competition (which may be made by post or by telephone) will also qualify automatically for all four short competitions. Entry details for the individual short competitions (numbers two, three and four) will be published later.

The winners will be the entrants who have the highest points scores after the last match in each competition period and their names will be published in *The Times* with the names and scores of the leading 100 entrants.

You may enter any of the competitions as many times as you like but each entry requires a separate telephone call or original entry form (photocopies will not be accepted). Telephone callers must be aged 18 or over.

Entries, whether made by telephone or mail, will be acknowledged by letter including a computer printout of your team selection and an official scorecard. Please allow 28 days for delivery.

Entering by telephone: The 24-hour telephone lines are open now and close at noon on April 13. When you have selected your team, check what type of telephone you are using. You must have a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) to enter. You **cannot** enter using a rotary dial or "pulse" telephone. Once you have found a Touch-tone telephone, you can enter by dialling **0891 500 181.**

The recorded message will ask you to key in the full set of selections (player reference numbers) for each of your 11 chosen players in the following order: the five batsmen, the all-rounder, the wicketkeeper, the bowlers. You will then be asked to name your reserves (in the same order). Make sure that the numbers you give fall within the range for each category (ie batsmen, 001-113; all-rounders, 114-156; wicketkeepers, 157-176; bowlers 177-269). Make sure you have picked one captain, one overseas player and one rising star in your team. An incorrect entry will be void.

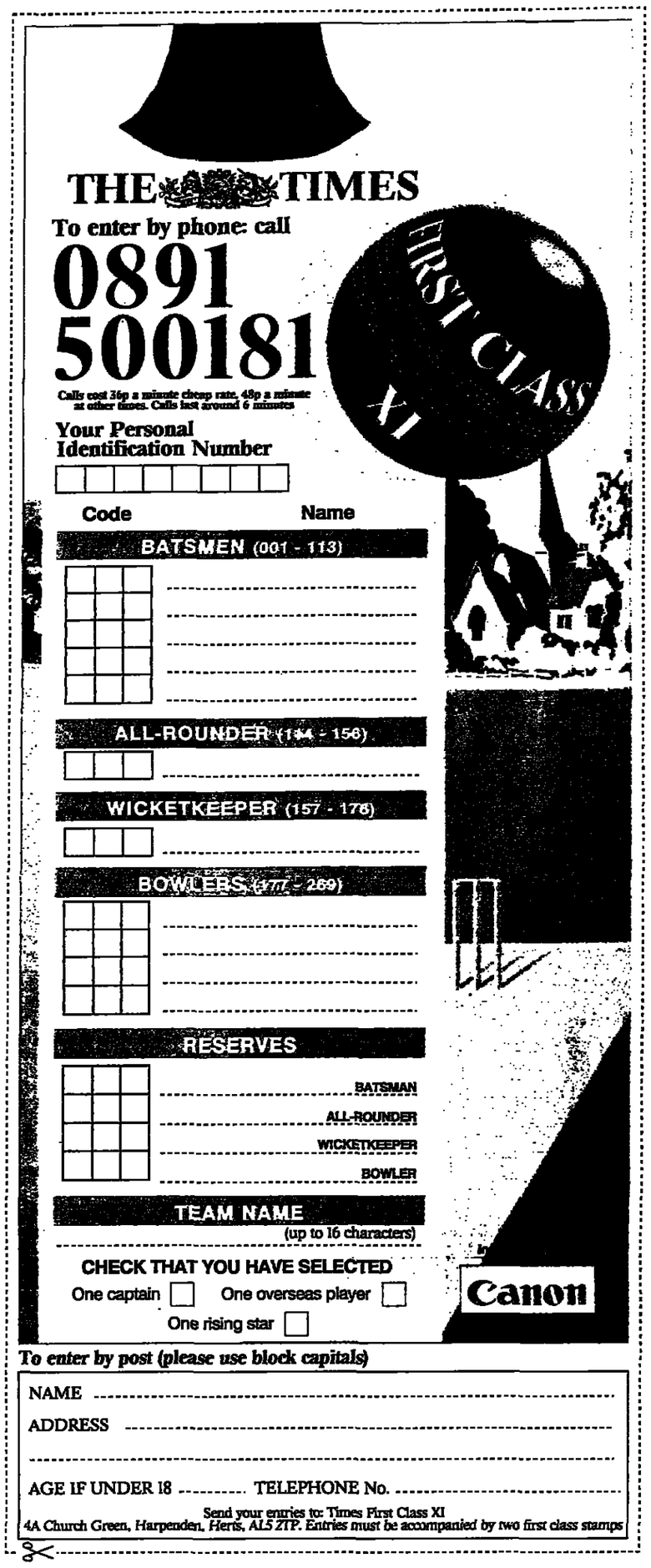
You will then be asked to give the name of your team (no more than 16 characters) and to record your name, address and daytime phone number. Finally, you will be given an eight-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN).

Entering by post: Each postal application must be made on an original entry form (no photocopies) and accompanied by two first-class stamps (which will be used to acknowledge entry). Send them to ***The Times* First Class XI, 4a Church Green, Harpenden, Hertfordshire AL5 2TP.** Entries must arrive by noon on April 13.

Team names: Competitors may give their teams any name of up to 16 characters although if a name is considered to be in poor taste by the panel, or if that name has already been taken, the competitor's surname will be used.

***The Times* First Class XI panel:** Ray Illingworth, the new chairman of the England Committee, Michael Atherton, the England captain, and Alan Lee, the cricket correspondent of *The Times*, form the panel which has final authority on any issues arising.

Junior competition: There will be a separate First Class XI postal competition for under-18 competitors and schools. Details will be announced later.



To enter by post (please use block capitals)

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

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AGE IF UNDER 18 ..... TELEPHONE No. .....

Send your entries to: Times First Class XI
4A Church Green, Harpenden, Herts, AL5 2TP. Entries must be accompanied by two first class stamps

THE FIRST CLASS XI PLAYERS

Batsmen (001-113)

Pick five players and a reserve from this category

001 * C J Adams (Derbyshire)
002 J C Adams (Nottinghamshire)
003 G F Archer (Nottinghamshire)
004 Asif Din (Warwickshire)
005 M A Atherton (Lancashire)
006 C W J Athey (Sussex)
007 R J Bailey (Northamptonshire)
008 K J BARNETT (Derbyshire)
009 M R BENSON (Kent)
010 D J Bicknell (Surrey)
011 T J Boon (Leicestershire)
012 P D Bowler (Derbyshire)
013 N E BRIERS (Leicestershire)
014 B C Broad (Gloucestershire)
015 A D Brown (Surrey)
016 D Byas (Yorkshire)
017 J D Carr (Middlesex)
018 P A Cottey (Glamorgan)
019 G R Cowdrey (Kent)
020 R M F Cox (Hampshire)
021 J P Crawley (Lancashire)
022 M A Crawley (Nottinghamshire)
023 T S CURTIS (Worcestershire)
024 * J A Daley (Durham)
025 * W A Dessaur (Nottinghamshire)
026 D E D Oliveira (Worcestershire)
027 N H Fairbrother (Lancashire)
028 N A Felton (Northamptonshire)
029 N A Folland (Somerset)
030 A Fordham (Northamptonshire)
031 G Fowler (Durham)
032 * J E R Gallian (Lancashire)
033 M W GATTING (Middlesex)
034 G A GOOCH (Essex)
035 P Grayson (Yorkshire)
036 K Greenfield (Sussex)
037 J W Hall (Sussex)
038 T H C Hancock (Gloucestershire)
039 R J Harden (Somerset)
040 A N HAYHURST (Somerset)
041 D L Haynes (Middlesex)
042 * D L Hemp (Glamorgan)
043 S G Hinks (Gloucestershire)
044 G D Hodgson (Gloucestershire)
045 * A J Hollioake (Surrey)
046 N Hussain (Essex)
047 * S Hutton (Durham)
048 R C Irani (Essex)
049 S P James (Glamorgan)
050 P Johnson (Nottinghamshire)
051 M Keech (Hampshire)
052 S A Kellett (Yorkshire)
053 N V Knight (Essex)
054 A J LAMB (Northamptonshire)
055 M N Lathwell (Somerset)
056 W Larkins (Durham)
057 D A Leatherdale (Worcestershire)
058 N J Lenham (Sussex)
059 J J B Lewis (Essex)
060 * N J Liong (Kent)
061 G D Lloyd (Lancashire)
062 J I Longley (Durham)
063 M B Loye (Northamptonshire)
064 M A Lynch (Surrey)
065 M P Maynard (Glamorgan)
066 A A Metcalfe (Yorkshire)
067 T C Middleton (Hampshire)
068 A J Moles (Warwickshire)
069 T M Moody (Worcestershire)
070 H MORRIS (Glamorgan)
071 J E Morris (Durham)
072 R S M Morris (Hampshire)
073 M D MOXON (Yorkshire)
074 M C J NICHOLAS (Hampshire)
075 T J G O'Gorman (Derbyshire)
076 D P Ostler (Warwickshire)
077 * T L Penney (Warwickshire)
078 P R Pollard (Nottinghamshire)
079 P J Prichard (Essex)
080 M R Ramprakash (Middlesex)
081 J D Ratcliffe (Warwickshire)
082 R B Richardson (Yorkshire)
083 * D D J Robinson (Essex)
084 P E Robinson (Leicestershire)
085 R T ROBINSON (Nottinghamshire)
086 A S Rollins (Derbyshire)
087 M A Roseberry (Middlesex)
088 A C H Seymour (Worcestershire)
089 N Shahid (Essex)
090 * B F Smith (Leicestershire)
091 I Smith (Durham)
092 R A Smith (Hampshire)
093 N J Speak (Lancashire)
094 A W Smith (Surrey)
095 D M Smith (Sussex)
096 M P Speight (Sussex)
097 A J STEWART (Surrey)
098 N R Taylor (Kent)
099 V P Terry (Hampshire)
100 G P Thorpe (Surrey)
101 S P Titchard (Lancashire)
102 * M E Trescothick (Somerset)
103 R G Twose (Warwickshire)
104 * M P Vaughan (Yorkshire)
105 D M Ward (Surrey)
106 T R Ward (Kent)
107 R J Warren (Northamptonshire)
108 A P WELLS (Sussex)
109 C M Wells (Derbyshire)
110 * W P C Weston (Worcestershire)
111 J J Whitaker (Leicestershire)
112 * M G N Windows (Gloucestershire)
113 A J Wright (Gloucestershire)

All-rounders (114-156)

Pick one player and a reserve from this category

114 M W Alleyne (Gloucestershire)
115 J D Austin (Lancashire)
116 P BAINBRIDGE (Durham)
117 D J Capel (Northamptonshire)
118 * G Chapple (Lancashire)
119 D G Cork (Derbyshire)
120 R D B Croft (Glamorgan)
121 A C Cummins (Durham)
122 K M Curran (Northamptonshire)
123 A Dale (Glamorgan)
124 P A J DeFreitas (Derbyshire)
125 J E Emburey (Middlesex)
126 K P Evans (Nottinghamshire)
127 M A Feltham (Middlesex)
128 M V Fleming (Kent)
129 P J Hartley (Yorkshire)
130 * G R Haynes (Worcestershire)
131 G A Hick (Worcestershire)
132 C L Hooper (Kent)
133 R K Illingworth (Worcestershire)
134 K D James (Hampshire)
135 S R Lampitt (Worcestershire)
136 R P Lefebvre (Glamorgan)
137 C C Lewis (Nottinghamshire)
138 G W Mike (Northamptonshire)
139 **Mushtaq Ahmed** (Somerset)
140 P J Newport (Worcestershire)
141 C Penn (Kent)
142 **M Prabhakar** (Durham)
143 D A REEVE (Warwickshire)
144 G D Rose (Somerset)
145 P V Simmons (Leicestershire)
146 N M K Smith (Warwickshire)
147 P A Smith (Warwickshire)
148 * J N Snape (Northamptonshire)
149 F D Stephenson (Sussex)
150 J P Stephenson (Essex)
151 C M Tolley (Worcestershire)
152 **Wasim Akram** (Lancashire)
153 M WATKINSON (Lancashire)
154 * A J Wells (Leicestershire)
155 * P N Weekes (Nottinghamshire)
156 C White (Yorkshire)

Wicketkeepers (157-176)

Pick one player and a reserve from this category

157 A N Aymes (Hampshire)
158 R J Blakey (Yorkshire)
159 K R Brown (Middlesex)
160 N D Burns (Somerset)
161 B N French (Nottinghamshire)
162 M A Garnham (Essex)
163 W K Hegg (Lancashire)
164 G J Kersey (Surrey)
165 K M Krikken (Derbyshire)
166 S A Marsh (Kent)
167 C P Metson (Glamorgan)
168 P Moores (Sussex)
169 P A Nixon (Leicestershire)
170 K J Piper (Warwickshire)
171 S J Rhodes (Worcestershire)
172 D Ripley (Northamptonshire)
173 * R J Rollins (Essex)
174 R C Russell (Gloucestershire)
175 C W Scott (Durham)
176 R J Turner (Somerset)

Bowlers (177-269)

Pick four players and a reserve from this category

177 J A Afford (Nottinghamshire)
178 C E L Ambrose (Northamptonshire)
179 S J W Andrew (Essex)
180 A M Babington (Gloucestershire)
181 M C J Ball (Gloucestershire)
182 A A Barnett (Lancashire)
183 S R Barwick (Glamorgan)
184 S Bastien (Glamorgan)
185 * J D Batty (Yorkshire)
186 J E Benjamin (Surrey)
187 **W K M Benjamin** (Hampshire)
188 P J Berry (Durham)
189 M P Bicknell (Surrey)
190 I R Bishop (Derbyshire)
191 J Boiling (Surrey)
192 M Broadhurst (Yorkshire)
193 S J E Brown (Durham)
194 M A Butcher (Surrey)
195 A R Caddick (Somerset)
196 J H Childs (Essex)
197 C A Connor (Hampshire)
198 N G B Cook (Northamptonshire)
199 K E Cooper (Gloucestershire)
200 A C Cottam (Northamptonshire)
201 N G Cowans (Hampshire)
202 R P Davis (Warwickshire)
203 M A Ealham (Kent)
204 R M Ellison (Kent)
205 M G Field-Buss (Nottinghamshire)
206 * D P J Flint (Hampshire)
207 M J Foster (Yorkshire)
208 A R C Fraser (Middlesex)
209 O D Gibson (Glamorgan)
210 * E S H Giddins (Sussex)
211 D Gough (Yorkshire)
212 D A Graveney (Durham)
213 F A Griffith (Derbyshire)
214 D W Headley (Kent)
215 E E Hemmings (Sussex)
216 A P Igglesden (Kent)
217 M C Ilott (Essex)
218 P W Jarvis (Sussex)
219 M Jean-Jacques (Hampshire)
220 * R L Johnson (Middlesex)
221 M S Kasprowicz (Essex)
222 N M Kendrick (Surrey)
223 * D R Law (Sussex)
224 R P Lefebvre (Glamorgan)
225 M J McCague (Kent)
226 D E Malcolm (Derbyshire)
227 N A Mallender (Somerset)
228 P J Martin (Lancashire)
229 R J Maru (Hampshire)
230 D J Millns (Leicestershire)
231 O H Mortensen (Derbyshire)
232 A D Mullally (Leicestershire)
233 T A Munton (Warwickshire)
234 A J Murphy (Surrey)
235 J A North (Sussex)
236 G J Parsons (Leicestershire)
237 M M Patel (Kent)
238 R M Pearson (Essex)
239 A L Penberthy (Northamptonshire)
240 * D B Pennett (Nottinghamshire)
241 R A Pick (Nottinghamshire)
242 A C S Pigott (Surrey)
243 * A R K Pierson (Leicestershire)
244 N V Radford (Worcestershire)
245 A R Roberts (Northamptonshire)
246 M A Robinson (Yorkshire)
247 I D K Salisbury (Sussex)
248 K J Shine (Middlesex)
249 R W Sladdin (Derbyshire)
250 G C Small (Warwickshire)
251 D J Spencer (Kent)
252 R D Stemp (Yorkshire)
253 P M Such (Essex)
254 J P Taylor (Northamptonshire)
255 * S D Thomas (Glamorgan)
256 M J Thursfield (Hampshire)
257 T D Topley (Essex)
258 H R J Trump (Somerset)
259 P C R Tufnell (Middlesex)
260 S D Udal (Hampshire)
261 M J Vandrau (Derbyshire)
262 A P Van Troost (Somerset)
263 C A WALSH (Gloucestershire)
264 Waqar Younis (Surrey)
265 A E Warner (Derbyshire)
266 S L Watkin (Glamorgan)
267 N F Williams (Middlesex)
268 J Wood (Durham)
269 G Yates (Lancashire)

CAPITALS denote captains Bold type denotes overseas players * denotes rising stars

PICK ONE FROM EACH OF THESE CATEGORIES

Captains
116: P Bainbridge (all-rounder)
008: K J Barnett (batsman)
009: M R Benson (batsman)
013: N E Briers (batsman)
023: *T S Curtis (batsman)*
033: M W Gatting (batsman)
034: G A Gooch (batsman)
040: A N Hayhurst (batsman)
054: A J Lamb (batsman)
070: H Morris (batsman)
073: M D Moxon (batsman)
074: M C J Nicholas (batsman)
143: D A Reeve (all-rounder)
085: R T Robinson (batsman)
097: A J Stewart (batsman)
263: C A Walsh (bowler, o'seas player)
153: M Watkinson (all-rounder)
108: A P Wells (batsman)

Overseas players
002: J C Adams (batsman)
178: C E L Ambrose (bowler)
187: W K M Benjamin (bowler)
190: I R Bishop (bowler)
121: A C Cummins (all-rounder)
209: O D Gibson (bowler)
041: D L Haynes (batsman)
132: C L Hooper (all-rounder)
221: M S Kasprowicz (bowler)
069: T M Moody (batsman)
139: Mushtaq Ahmed (all-rounder)
142: M Prabhakar (all-rounder)
082: R B Richardson (batsman)
145: P V Simmons (all-rounder)
149: F D Stephenson (all-rounder)
263: C A Walsh (bowler, captain)
264: Waqar Younis (bowler)
152: Wasim Akram (all-rounder)

Rising stars
001: G J Adams (batsman)
185: J D Batty (bowler)
118: G Chapple (all-rounder)
024: J A Daley (batsman)
025: W A Dessaur (batsman)
206: D P J Flint (bowler)
032: J E R Gallian (batsman)
210: E S H Giddins (bowler)
190: G R Haynes (all-rounder)
042: D L Hemp (batsman)
045: A J Hollioake (batsman)
047: S Hutton (batsman)
220: R L Johnson (bowler)
223: D R Law (bowler)
060: N J Liong (batsman)
240: D B Pennett (bowler)
077: T L Penney (batsman)
243: A R K Pierson (bowler)
083: D D J Robinson (batsman)
173: R J Rollins (wicketkeeper)
090: B F Smith (batsman)
148: J N Snape (all-rounder)
255: S D Thomas (bowler)
102: M Trescothick (batsman)
104: M P Vaughan (batsman)
155: P N Weekes (all-rounder)
110: W P C Weston (batsman)
112: M G N Windows (batsman)

THE 1994 FIRST-CLASS FIXTURES LIST FOR THE TIMES FIRST CLASS XI GAME

April

13-UNIVERSITY MATCHES (three days)
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Nottinghamshire
The Parks: Oxford University v Durham

16-UNIVERSITY MATCHES (three days)
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Northamptonshire
The Parks: Oxford University v Hampshire

20-UNIVERSITY MATCHES (three days)
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Kent
The Parks: Oxford University v Glamorgan

21-TETLEY BITTER SHIELD (four days)
Lord's: Middlesex v England A

28-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Durham
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Somerset
Southampton: Hampshire v Essex
Leicester: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire
The Oval: Surrey v Worcestershire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Glamorgan
OTHER MATCHES
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Yorkshire (four days)
The Parks: Oxford University v Nottinghamshire (three days)

30-UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Middlesex

May

4-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
Worcester: Worcestershire v New Zealanders

5-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Stockton-on-Tees: Durham v Essex
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Sussex
Southampton: Hampshire v Derbyshire
Canterbury: Kent v Nottinghamshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Surrey
Lord's: Middlesex v Yorkshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Glamorgan
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Leicestershire

7-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
Taunton: Somerset v New Zealanders
UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Worcestershire

12-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
Lord's: Middlesex v New Zealanders
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chelmsford: Essex v Kent
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Yorkshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Somerset
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Durham
The Oval: Surrey v Derbyshire
Hove: Sussex v Hampshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Gloucestershire

14-UNIVERSITY MATCHES (three days)
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Lancashire
The Parks: Oxford University v Warwickshire

18-UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
The Parks: Oxford University v Leicestershire

19-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Worcestershire
Gateshead Fell: Durham v Gloucestershire
Southampton: Hampshire v Middlesex
Canterbury: Kent v Lancashire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Sussex
Taunton: Somerset v Warwickshire
The Oval: Surrey v Northamptonshire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Essex

24-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
Southampton or Headingley: Hampshire or Yorkshire v New Zealanders

26-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Ilkeston: Derbyshire v Nottinghamshire
Gloucester: Gloucestershire v Surrey
Southport: Lancashire v Somerset
Leicester: Leicestershire v Kent
Lord's: Middlesex v Warwickshire
Hove: Sussex v Glamorgan
Worcester: Worcestershire v Northamptonshire

28-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
Chelmsford: Essex v New Zealanders
UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
The Parks: Oxford University v Yorkshire

June

2-FIRST CORNHILL TEST MATCH
Trent Bridge: ENGLAND v NEW ZEALAND
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chelmsford: Essex v Gloucestershire
Swansea: Glamorgan v Surrey
Tunbridge Wells: Kent v Sussex
Lord's: Middlesex v Worcestershire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Lancashire
Taunton: Somerset v Hampshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Durham
Middlesbrough: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire

8-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
Edgbaston or The Oval: Warwickshire or Surrey v New Zealanders

9-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Leicestershire
Hartlepool: Durham v Northamptonshire
Basingstoke: Hampshire v Nottinghamshire
Canterbury: Kent v Middlesex
Horsham: Sussex v Lancashire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Essex
Bradford: Yorkshire v Somerset

11-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
Bristol: Gloucestershire v New Zealanders
OTHER MATCHES (three days)
Fenner's: *Cambridge University v Glamorgan*
The Oval: Surrey v Oxford University

15-UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Essex

16-SECOND CORNHILL TEST MATCH
Lord's: ENGLAND v NEW ZEALAND
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Derbyshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Hampshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Middlesex
Luton: Northamptonshire v Yorkshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Gloucestershire
Bath: Somerset v Surrey
Hove: *Sussex v Durham*
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Kent

17-UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
Worcester: Worcestershire v Oxford University

22-TOUR MATCH (three days)
Fenner's: Combined Universities v New Zealanders

23-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Ilford: Essex v Nottinghamshire
Colwyn Bay: Glamorgan v Lancashire
Lord's: Middlesex v Durham
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Warwickshire
The Oval: Surrey v Leicestershire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Sussex
Headingley: Yorkshire v Hampshire

25-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
Derby: Derbyshire v New Zealanders
Canterbury: Kent v South Africans
UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Cambridge University

29-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
Hove: Sussex v South Africans
UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
Lord's: Oxford v Cambridge

30-THIRD CORNHILL TEST MATCH
Old Trafford: ENGLAND v NEW ZEALAND
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Middlesex
Darlington: Durham v Surrey
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Glamorgan
Maidstone: Kent v Yorkshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Essex
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Northamptonshire
Taunton: Somerset v Worcestershire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Lancashire

July

2-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
Southampton: Hampshire v South Africans

6-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
Derby or Bristol: Derbyshire or Gloucestershire v South Africans

12-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
Chester-le-Street: Durham v South Africans

14-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Southend: Essex v Glamorgan
Portsmouth: Hampshire v Gloucestershire
Canterbury: Kent v Worcestershire
Blackpool: Lancashire v Derbyshire
Taunton: Somerset v Nottinghamshire
Guildford: Surrey v Warwickshire
Arundel: Sussex v Middlesex
Harrogate: Yorkshire v Leicestershire

16-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
Northampton: Northamptonshire v South Africans

21-FIRST CORNHILL TEST MATCH
Lord's: ENGLAND v SOUTH AFRICA
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Durham University: Durham v Leicestershire
Abergavenny: Glamorgan v Kent
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Yorkshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Middlesex
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Derbyshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Surrey
Hove: Sussex v Somerset
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Essex
Worcester: Worcestershire v Hampshire

27-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
Trent Bridge or Old Trafford: Nottinghamshire or Lancashire v South Africans

28-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Warwickshire
Durham University: Durham v Yorkshire
Swansea: Glamorgan v Somerset
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Kent
Southampton: Hampshire v Northamptonshire
Uxbridge: Middlesex v Essex
The Oval: Surrey v Sussex

30-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
Leicester: Leicestershire v South Africans

August

4-SECOND CORNHILL TEST MATCH
Headingley: ENGLAND v SOUTH AFRICA
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Gloucestershire
Chelmsford: Essex v Lancashire
Canterbury: Kent v Hampshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Glamorgan
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Sussex
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire
Taunton: Somerset v Durham
Worcester: Worcestershire v Warwickshire

11-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Colchester: Essex v Surrey
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire
Canterbury: Kent v Durham
Leicester: Leicestershire v Worcestershire
Lord's: Middlesex v Somerset
Eastbourne: Sussex v Derbyshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Lancashire

13-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
Pontypridd: Glamorgan v South Africans

18-THIRD CORNHILL TEST MATCH
The Oval: ENGLAND v SOUTH AFRICA
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Kent
Hartlepool: Durham v Glamorgan
Southampton: Hampshire v Surrey
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Gloucestershire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Sussex
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Middlesex
Weston-super-Mare: Somerset v Essex
Kidderminster: Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Warwickshire

25-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Leicestershire
Portsmouth: Hampshire v Durham
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Kent
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Lancashire
The Oval: Surrey v Middlesex
Hove: Sussex v Warwickshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Yorkshire

30-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chelmsford: Essex v Sussex
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Leicestershire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Worcestershire
Worksop: Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan
Taunton: Somerset v Northamptonshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Hampshire
Sheffield: Yorkshire v Derbyshire

31-TESCO INTERNATIONAL MATCH (three days)
Scarborough: President's XI v South Africans

September

8-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Essex
Stockton-on-Tees: Durham v Lancashire
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Worcestershire
Canterbury: Kent v Somerset
Leicester: Leicestershire v Hampshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Gloucestershire
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Surrey

15-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chelmsford: Essex v Northamptonshire
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Warwickshire
Southampton: Hampshire v Glamorgan
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Leicestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Middlesex
Taunton: Somerset v Derbyshire
The Oval: Surrey v Kent
Hove: Sussex v Yorkshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Durham

Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, picks his team for *The Times* First Class XI game

Balance offers key to winning side

There is more to this than meets the eye. It is not a simple question of naming the 11 best players registered for county cricket this summer. The rules and restrictions of *The Times* First Class XI game present a greater test of judgment than that, raising such intriguing permutations that it would be a great surprise to me if any other entrant comes up with the team I have chosen.

The range of the competition is the first criterion. All first-class cricket counts, but none of the one-day events. So the type of player selected is important; there is no point in having a limited-overs specialist who struggles to retain his place in the championship side.

Opportunity is all. It is not the seasonal averages that count, but the output of each player in runs and wickets. The ideal sort, therefore, is someone who will play every game and has an unblemished fitness record. Crocks and hypochondriacs are not even worth considering.

The key limitation is that only one county captain can be included. This means, for instance, that you cannot choose Graham Gooch and Alec Stewart in the same team, though it is admissible to name either one of them with Michael Atherton, who does not captain Lancashire.

Only one overseas player is allowed, as in county cricket itself, so anyone selecting Courtney Walsh, who captains Gloucestershire, will be using up two potentially fruitful categories with one choice. For that reason, Walsh is overlooked in my team, though many others, I am sure, will wish to include him in theirs.

Picking too many potential Test players could also prove a disadvantage because, theoretically, they will be spending half the season competing at a level where runs and wickets are harder to come by. This has to be measured against their evident class. England players involved in the Texaco Trophy, which does not count for competition purposes, will also miss two rounds of championship cricket.

The wicketkeeping position, it seems to me, is crucial. Properly selected, he is your second all-rounder, as his every dismissal produces 20 points and his batting is a bonus. For similar reasons, it is tempting to choose bowlers who are capable of making a few runs.

All of this groundwork, of course, can be rendered useless when your entire selection loses form simultaneously. Just ask Keith Fletcher. However, from a shortlist of around 40, I have now taken the plunge as follows.

Gooch will open and, therefore, he will be my captain. He remains obsessively fit and extraordinarily motivated by county cricket. In some ways, it will be a help if he does not regain his England place, because then he might have a bumper summer for Essex. Either way, he is a banker selection.

John Crawley is his partner. He made almost 1,500 first-class runs last summer and now starts his first full season with Lancashire. Before the year is out, he will probably have played for England, joining my No 3, Robin Smith. The most destructive batsman in the country, Smith has no demon spin bowlers to distract him during the summer's two Test series and should score heavily.

My next two selections are somewhat speculative. From the rising stars category, I have narrowly rejected Chris Adams, already a prolific runmaker, and gone for Michael Vaughan, a prodigious schoolboy player about to make a big impact with Yorkshire. The specialist batting is completed by Martin Speight, an exciting strokeplayer for Sussex, who averaged almost 50 last year.

Carl Hooper is my all-rounder and also my overseas player, on the basis that he will take wickets for Kent as well as scoring many runs, and Steve Rhodes, who would be good enough to play as a batsman in most county teams, is wicketkeeper.

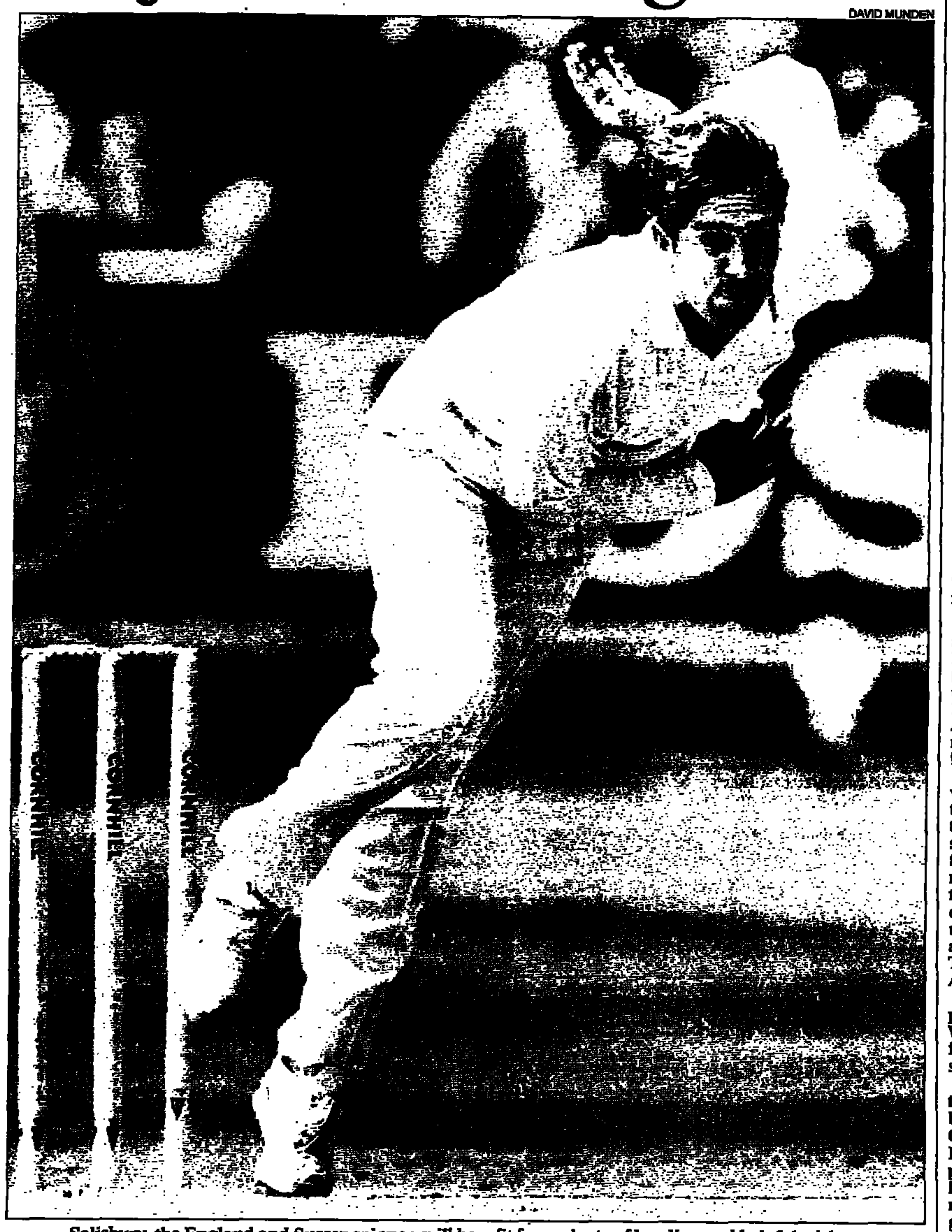
Two seam bowlers and two spinners complete the team. Steve Watkin has a wicket-taking knack on English pitches and Mark Ilott should enjoy his best season yet. The England slow bowlers, Phil Tufnell and Ian Salisbury, will be given ample chance by their counties and helpful pitches on which to bowl.



The Times First Class XI game begins today and remains open until April 13. As an incentive for early entries, the first 50 received by post and the first 50 telephone callers will receive a free copy of the Test and County Cricket Board's Official 1994 Tour Guide to the visits of the New Zealand and South Africa parties this summer.

Batsmen
034 ....G A Gooch (Essex, captain)
021 ....J P Crawley (Lancashire)
092 ....R A Smith (Hampshire)
096 ....M P Speight (Sussex)
104 ....M P Vaughan (Yorkshire, rising star)
All-rounder
132 ....C L Hooper (Kent, overseas player and all-rounder)
Wicketkeeper
171 ....S J Rhodes (Worcestershire)
Bowlers
247 ....I D K Salisbury (Sussex)
266 ....S L Watkin (Glamorgan)
217 ....M C Ilott (Essex)
259 ....P C R Tufnell (Middlesex)
Reserves
007 ....R J Bailey (Northamptonshire; batsman)
131 ....G A Hick (Worcestershire; all rounder)
174 ....R C Russell (Gloucestershire; wicketkeeper)
195 ....A R Caddick (Somerset; bowler).

DAVID MUNDEN



Salisbury, the England and Sussex spinner, will benefit from plenty of bowling and helpful wickets

Chance to see the Test of your choice

BY SIMON WILDE

FOR the winner of *The Tim* First Class XI game, tl selection process will not st with picking his or her su cessful team. The first pri provides the opportunity take a trip for two to any Te match anywhere in the worl during 1995.

The winner of *The Tim* First XI game will receive a tickets, hotel accommodatio and match tickets to the Te of their choice. It will not b an easy choice to make wit some outstanding cricket fi tures in some of the world most exotic locations. Sever of them, moreover, involv England. The prize presen the opportunity to travel t such places as Australia c New Zealand, the Caribbea or South Africa.

When the year begins, En land will be in Australi attempting to recapture th Ashes they lost in 1989. Ne Year's Day sees the start of th third Test match in Sydne and England will subsequen ly play Tests in Adelaid (January 26-30) and Pert (February 3-7). From Octobe England will be in Sout Africa, where they will b making their first Test tou for 21 years.

In the Caribbean, Australi will be attempting once agai to topple West Indies. Whe the countries last met in a Tes series, in Australia in 1992-9 the hosts went within tw runs of becoming the firs team to inflict a serious defea on West Indies since 1980, an uncompromising contests ar assured in Jamaica, Guyana Trinidad, Barbados an Antigua.

A thrilling series is also i prospect in England, whe West Indies will be making full tour during the domesti season.

Twenty-five runners-up t the overall winner will receiv bats, provided by the Morran Group, autographed by th England and South Afric players, along with other Eng land merchandise. The win ners of the three short-term games will each receive a Phillips CDI player.

CLASS AVERAGES OF THE FIRST CLASS XI PLAYERS

Batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/s
C J Adams	18	30	0	843	175	28.10	1	7	—
J C Adams	1	1	0	15	15	15.00	—	—	—
J A Afford	14	17	8	50	11	5.55	—	—	—
M W Alleyne	18	34	2	994	142*	31.06	3	2	—
C E L Ambrose	13	15	2	197	38	15.15	—	—	—
S J W Andrew	11	14	4	75	18	7.50	—	—	—
G F Archer	6	9	2	208	59*	29.71	—	1	—
Asif Din	6	9	0	291	66	32.33	—	3	—
M A Atherton	19	32	1	1364	137	44.00	3	8	—
C W J Athey	17	30	5	1600	137	64.00	5	9	—
I D Austin	2	3	0	31	20	10.33	—	—	—
A N Aymes	19	29	11	709	107*	39.38	1		534/5
A M Babington	7	9	3	40	23	6.66	—	—	—
R J Bailey	18	30	5	1282	200	51.28	2	9	—
P Bainbridge	19	32	2	1150	150*	38.33	2	7	—
M C J Ball	4	8	0	113	71	14.12	—	1	—
A A Barnett	19	23	7	157	38	9.81	—	—	—
K J Barnett	16	24	5	1223	168	64.36	5	5	—
S R Barwick	12	11	3	60	23*	7.50	—	—	—
S Bastien	5	5	5	23	14*	—	—	—	—
J D Batty	15	19	2	221	50	13.00	—	1	—
J E Benjamin	17	26	7	128	23	6.73	—	—	—
W K M Benjamin	9	13	0	294	83	22.61	—	2	—
M R Benson	15	23	2	913	107	43.47	3	6	—
P J Berry	9	14	4	232	46	23.20	—	—	—
D J Bicknell	19	35	2	1418	190	42.96	4	8	—
M P Bicknell	12	19	2	398	57	23.41	—	2	—
R J Blakey	19	32	2	859	95	28.63	—		541/5
J Boiling	9	13	5	100	29	12.50	—	—	—
T J Boon	18	29	1	921	110	32.89	2	5	—
P D Bowler	17	29	3	1123	153*	43.19	2	7	—
N E Briers	12	19	1	487	79	27.05	—	3	—
B C Broad	18	34	0	1161	131	34.14	2	7	—
M Broadhurst	1	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—
A D Brown	19	34	3	1382	150*	44.58	3	4	—
K R Brown	18	24	6	725	88*	40.27	—		539/6
S J E Brown	16	24	5	152	31	8.00	—	—	—
N D Burns	13	23	2	479	102*	22.80	1		237/4
M A Butcher	6	11	3	218	68*	27.25	—	1	—
D Byas	19	33	3	1073	156	35.76	1	8	—
A R Caddick	16	26	4	318	35*	14.45	—	—	—
D J Capel	5	8	2	102	54	17.00	—	1	—
J D Carr	17	24	6	848	192*	47.11	2	3	—
G Chapple	8	13	7	256	109*	42.66	1	—	—
J H Childs	17	19	11	89	23	11.12	—	—	—
C A Connor	10	11	1	200	59	20.00	—	1	—
N G B Cook	8	9	1	50	18	6.25	—	—	—
K E Cooper	14	25	6	218	52	11.47	—	1	—
D G Cork	18	24	2	606	104	27.54	1	4	—
P A Cottey	19	34	5	1039	105	35.82	2	8	—
N G Cowans	6	5	1	23	14	5.75	—	—	—
G R Cowdrey	12	21	0	478	139	22.76	1	1	—
R M F Cox	6	10	1	204	63	22.66	—	1	—
J P Crawley	20	34	3	1474	187*	47.54	3	8	—
M A Crawley	10	18	2	306	81	19.12	—	1	—
R D B Croft	20	34	7	718	107	26.59	1	2	—
A C Cummins	15	26	2	502	70	20.91	—	4	—
K M Curran	16	23	4	612	91	32.21	—	5	—
T S Curtis	19	32	3	1553	127	53.55	5	8	—
D B D'Oliveira	15	24	0	513	94	21.37	—	3	—
A Dale	20	38	1	1472	214*	39.78	3	7	—
J A Daley	13	22	0	563	79	25.59	—	3	—
R P Davis	14	16	2	164	42	11.71	—	—	—
P A J DeFreitas	21	31	3	465	51	16.60	—	1	—
W A Dessaur	7	10	0	325	104	32.50	1	2	—
M A Ealham	12	16	3	666	85	51.23	—	8	—
R M Ellison	3	4	1	92	68	30.66	—	1	—
J E Emburey	17	21	7	730	123	52.14	2	5	—
K P Evans	10	14	4	231	56	23.10	—	1	—
N H Fairbrother	18	31	4	901	110	33.37	1	4	—
M A Feltham	16	19	4	288	73	19.20	—	1	—
N A Felton	18	30	2	1026	109	36.64	2	7	—
M G Field-Buss	10	14	6	99	20*	12.37	—	—	—
M V Fleming	18	28	4	826	100	34.41	1	6	—
D P J Flint	10	13	5	47	14*	5.87	—	—	—
N A Folland	17	30	3	872	108*	32.29	2	4	—
A Fordham	17	29	1	1052	193	37.57	3	5	—
M J Foster	1	1	0	6	6	6.00	—	—	—
G Fowler	14	24	0	633	138	26.37	1	3	—
A R C Fraser	18	17	2	162	29	10.80	—	—	—
B N French	17	24	3	420	123	20.00	1		140/5
J E R Gallian	11	19	3	702	141*	43.87	2	3	—
M A Garnham	17	29	4	694	106	27.76	1		334/5
M W Gatting	16	24	4	1132	182	56.60	3	6	—
E S H Giddins	15	19	8	12	4	1.09	—	—	—
G A Gooch	19	35	3	2023	159*	63.21	6	14	—
D Gough	16	24	3	248	39	11.80	—	—	—
D A Graveney	19	28	14	289	32	20.64	—	—	—
A P Grayson	10	17	0	386	64	22.70	—	2	—
K Greenfield	8	12	3	353	107	39.22	1	3	—
F A Griffith	11	14	0	257	56	18.35	—	2	—
J W Hall	9	16	1	390	114	26.00	1	1	—
T H C Hancock	16	29	2	723	76	26.77	—	4	—
R J Harden	18	32	3	1133	132	39.06	3	4	—
P J Hartley	13	21	6	400	102	26.66	1	1	—
A N Hayhurst	14	23	1	669	169	30.40	2	1	—
D L Haynes	15	24	4	793	115	39.65	2	4	—
G R Haynes	9	13	0	383	158	29.46	1	2	—
D W Headley	14	20	7	281	36	21.61	—	—	—
W K Hegg	21	34	9	566	66*	22.64	—		249/9
E E Hemmings	15	20	4	78	17*	4.87	—	—	—
D L Hemp	10	19	2	508	90*	29.88	—	5	—
G A Hick	18	30	2	1522	187	54.35	4	7	—
S G Hinks	12	24	1	482	68	20.95	—	3	—
G D Hodgson	14	27	2	1079	166	43.16	2	7	—
A J Hollioake	5	9	0	352	123	39.11	1	2	—
C L Hooper	16	24	2	1304	236*	59.27	3	6	—
N Hussain	20	35	5	1604	152	53.46	7	7	—
S Hutton	10	17	0	469	73	27.58	—	2	—
A P Igglesden	13	13	7	32	10	5.33	—	—	—
R K Illingworth	18	24	8	401	58	25.06	—	1	—
M C Ilott	18	25	5	280	51	14.00	—	2	—
R Irani	2	4	0	44	44	11.00	—	—	—
K D James	17	29	4	694	71	27.76	—	4	—
S P James	18	30	1	828	138*	28.55	1	4	—
[illegible]	9	14	1	207	[illegible]	15.92	—	1	—
P Johnson	18	27	1	1099	187	42.26	5	3	—
R L Johnson	1	2	0	8	4	4.00	—	—	—
M Keech	5	10	1	164	35	18.22	—	—	—
S A Kellett	5	9	0	301	85	33.44	—	4	—
N M Kendrick	12	20	5	237	41	15.80	—	—	—
G J Kersey	12	20	2	272	38*	15.11	—		34/3
N V Knight	7	13	0	295	94	22.69	—	2	—
K M Krikken	13	18	4	227	40	16.21	—		22/5
A J Lamb	18	28	1	1092	172	40.44	2	6	—
S R Lampitt	16	25	2	438	68*	19.04	—	2	—
W Larkins	17	30	3	1045	151	36.70	3	5	—
M N Lathwell	17	31	1	1009	132	33.63	2	4	—
D R Law	3	2	0	11	11	5.50	—	—	—
D A Leatherdale	11	16	2	354	119*	25.28	1	2	—
R P Lefebvre	19	28	3	484	50	19.36	—	1	—
N J Lenham	12	22	1	799	149	38.04	2	5	—
C C Lewis	15	24	2	705	247	32.04	1	2	—
J J B Lewis	13	24	4	736	136*	36.80	1	5	—
N J Llong	18	27	5	943	116*	42.86	2	6	—
G D Lloyd	18	31	2	1095	116	37.75	2	5	—
M B Loye	18	28	3	956	153*	38.24	2	4	—
M A Lynch	15	28	1	666	90	24.66	—	3	—
D E Malcolm	11	14	7	69	19	9.85	—	—	—
N A Mallender	13	16	6	250	46	25.00	—	—	—
S A Marsh	19	27	2	667	111	26.68	1		457/4
P J Martin	16	21	7	399	43	28.50	—	—	—
R J Maru	1	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—
M P Maynard	19	32	1	1378	145	44.45	3	7	—
M J McCague	9	11	3	69	22*	8.62	—	—	—
A A Metcalfe	10	16	1	467	133*	31.13	1	3	—
C P Metson	20	31	8	338	25*	14.69	—		50/4
T C Middleton	12	22	0	571	90	25.95	—	5	—
G W Mike	8	13	1	240	50	20.00	—	1	—
D J Millns	7	8	3	59	24	11.80	—	—	—
A J Moles	19	34	3	1228	117	39.61	2	8	—
P Moores	19	27	4	583	85*	25.34	—		238/5
H Morris	19	35	2	1326	134*	40.18	5	6	—
J E Morris	18	29	1	1461	229	52.17	5	8	—
R S M Morris	8	14	0	372	92	26.57	—	2	—
O H Mortensen	10	14	5	70	29	7.77	—	—	—
M D Moxon	19	33	2	1317	171*	42.48	1	9	—
A D Mullally	17	20	4	132	26	8.25	—	—	—
T A Munton	13	13	5	51	18	6.37	—	—	—
A J Murphy	11	14	10	88	24*	22.00	—	—	—
Mushtaq Ahmed	16	25	0	498	90	19.92	—	3	—
P J Newport	17	26	6	630	79*	31.50	—	6	—
M C J Nicholas	18	29	4	918	95	36.72	—	6	—
P A Nixon	19	28	6	501	113*	22.77	1		342/6
J A North	7	11	3	228	114	28.50	1	1	—
T J G O'Gorman	14	21	3	511	130*	28.38	1	2	—
D P Ostler	19	34	3	1052	174	33.83	1	6	—
G J Parsons	18	23	7	405	59	25.31	—	1	—
M M Patel	7	7	3	14	4	3.50	—	—	—
R M Pearson	10	10	1	94	31	10.44	—	—	—
A L Penberthy	9	14	2	164	54*	13.66	—	1	—
C Penn	4	4	0	63	23	15.75	—	—	—
D B Pennett	7	4	2	11	10*	5.50	—	—	—
T L Penney	17	29	6	788	135*	34.26	1	4	—
R A Pick	13	12	4	109	22	13.62	—	—	—
A R K Pierson	18	23	6	238	58	14.00	—	1	—
A C S Pigott	12	13	2	153	52	13.90	—	1	—
K J Piper	10	14	1	183	52	14.07	—	1	14
P R Pollard	19	32	3	1463	180	50.44	3	9	—
P J Prichard	19	36	3	1319	225*	39.96	4	7	—
N V Radford	13	14	5	106	29	11.77	—	—	—
M R Ramprakash	17	24	1	883	140	38.39	2	5	—
J D Ratcliffe	19	34	0	999	101	29.38	1	6	—
D A Reeve	17	28	7	765	87*	36.42	—	5	—
S J Rhodes	18	27	3	848	101	35.33	2		240/7
R B Richardson	14	23	1	759	112	34.50	1	6	—
D Ripley	18	24	6	398	62*	22.11	—		352/4
A R Roberts	10	16	1	119	19*	7.93	—	—	—
D D J Robinson	2	4	0	112	67	28.00	—	1	—
M A Robinson	17	22	10	53	16*	4.41	—	—	—
P E Robinson	18	29	3	526	71	20.23	—	3	—
R T Robinson	18	30	4	1152	139*	44.30	3	7	—
A S Rollins	7	13	4	392	85	43.55	—	2	—
R J Rollins	3	4	1	14	7	4.66	—		3/3
G D Rose	17	29	2	865	138	32.03	2	2	—
M A Roseberry	16	26	4	685	185	31.13	1	2	—
R C Russell	19	33	7	863	99*	33.19	—		558/7
I D K Salisbury	16	23	5	390	63*	21.66	—	2	—
M Saxelby	12	18	0	558	77	31.00	—	5	—
C W Scott	14	24	3	343	64	16.33	—		227/4
A C H Seymour	7	11	1	237	54*	23.70	—	1	—
N Shahid	7	13	1	270	69*	22.50	—	2	—
K J Shine	13	14	5	54	12	6.00	—	—	—
P V Simmons	1	1	0	46	46	46.00	—	—	—
R W Sladdin	9	11	3	131	51*	16.37	—	1	—
G C Small	13	19	4	147	39	9.80	—	—	—
A W Smith	14	23	2	560	68	26.66	—	3	—
B F Smith	11	18	0	263	84	14.61	—	1	—
D M Smith	15	23	1	802	150	36.45	1	4	—
I Smith	6	12	0	192	39	16.00	—	—	—
N M K Smith	18	26	2	420	51*	17.50	—	1	—
P A Smith	10	15	0	253	55	16.86	—	1	—
R A Smith	17	29	2	1253	191	46.40	4	4	—
J N Snape	1	2	0	18	18	9.00	—	—	—
N J Speak	21	35	2	1185	122	35.90	1	8	—
M P Speight	13	22	1	1009	184	48.04	3	5	—
D J Spencer	2	2	0	79	75	39.50	—	1	—
R D Stemp	16	23	6	265	37	15.58	—	—	—
F D Stephenson	14	21	2	538	90	28.31	—	3	—
J P Stephenson	17	32	2	1011	122	33.70	2	4	—
A J Stewart	16	28	1	1094	127	40.51	2	8	—
P M Such	20	27	5	228	54	10.36	—	1	—
J P Taylor	19	22	11	100	21	9.09	—	—	—
N R Taylor	16	28	2	679	86	26.29	—	4	—
V P Terry	19	33	2	1469	174	47.38	4	7	—
S D Thomas	4	7	4	46	18*	15.33	—	—	—
G P Thorpe	17	31	2	1043	171	35.96	3	5	—
M J Thursfield	2	4	2	36	36*	18.00	—	—	—
S P Titchard	5	10	0	237	97	23.70	—	2	—
C M Tolley	16	24	7	381	78	22.41	—	2	—
T D Topley	8	12	1	155	33	14.09	—	—	—
M Trescothick	3	6	0	14	6	2.33	—	—	—
H R J Trump	8	11	8	79	22*	26.33	—	—	—
P C R Tufnell	18	18	6	128	30*	10.66	—	—	—
R G Twose	11	18	0	224	37	12.44	—	—	—
S D Udal	19	27	2	509	79*	20.36	—	2	—
A P van Troost	14	17	6	108	35	9.81	—	—	—
M J Vandrau	15	23	2	404	58	19.23	—	2	—
M P Vaughan	2	4	0	118	64	29.50	—	1	—
C A Walsh	14	21	3	266	57	14.77	—	1	—
Waqar Younis	13	18	1	214	28	12.58	—	—	—
D M Ward	13	22	1	580	151*	27.61	1	3	—
T R Ward	19	30	1	903	141	31.13	2	3	—
A E Warner	12	14	1	238	95*	18.30	—	1	—
R J Warren	5	6	1	56	37*	11.20	—	—	—
Wasim Akram	13	21	0	516	117	24.57	1	1	—
S L Watkin	19	24	8	204	31	12.75	—	—	—
M Watkinson	19	30	4	1016	107	39.07	2	4	—
P N Weekes	4	5	1	148	47	37.00	—	—	—
A P Wells	18	27	2	1432	144	57.28	6	5	—
C M Wells	3	5	1	198	185	49.50	1	—	—
V J Wells	15	23	2	602	167	28.66	1	2	—
W P C Weston	13	21	2	610	113	32.10	2	1	—
J J Whitaker	18	28	1	925	126	34.25	1	4	—
C White	19	32	6	896	146	34.46	1	4	—
R M Wight	7	11	1	152	54	15.20	—	1	—
N F Williams	14	12	1	146	44	13.27	—	—	—
M G N Windows	2	4	0	138	44	34.50	—	—	—
J Wood	9	17	3	250	63*	17.85	—	1	—
A J Wright	11	21	2	322	75	16.94	—	1	—
G Yates	7	10	6	367	134*	91.75	1	1	—

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Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5i	10m
C J Adams	111.2	9	492	5	98.40	2-88	—	—
J C Adams	26	10	66	2	33.00	2-66	—	—
J A Afford	720.5	225	1659	57	29.10	5-64	3	—
M W Alleyne	246.3	50	707	26	27.19	3-25	—	—
C E L Ambrose	543.4	150	1207	59	20.45	6-49	2	—
S J W Andrew	281.4	55	934	28	33.35	7-47	2	—
G F Archer	6.3	0	72	0	—	—	—	—
Asif Din	4	1	12	0	—	—	—	—
M A Atherton	5	0	8	1	8.00	1-8	—	—
C W J Athey	50	7	200	2	100.00	2-40	—	—
I D Austin	31.2	2	133	1	133.00	1-66	—	—
A M Babington	219.2	49	634	13	48.76	3-51	—	—
R J Bailey	244.3	69	612	18	34.00	5-54	1	—
P Bainbridge	333.1	76	1021	40	25.52	5-53	2	—
M C J Ball	157.3	35	439	18	24.38	8-46	2	1
A A Barnett	713.2	177	2005	47	42.65	5-36	3	—
K J Barnett	33	8	78	2	39.00	2-40	—	—
S R Barwick	505.4	208	1016	21	48.38	3-26	—	—
S Bastien	167.3	27	573	19	30.15	6-52	2	1
J D Batty	383.2	97	1065	31	34.35	5-36	1	—
J E Benjamin	624.2	153	1783	64	27.85	6-19	2	—
W K M Benjamin	281.3	81	702	32	21.93	7-83	3	—
P J Berry	200.1	33	648	15	43.20	3-39	—	—
D J Bicknell	1	0	21	0	—	—	—	—
M P Bicknell	602.2	137	1341	67	20.01	6-43	6	2
J Boiling	221.1	60	669	11	60.81	5-100	1	—
T J Boon	8	1	38	0	—	—	—	—
P D Bowler	20	8	45	0	—	—	—	—
B C Broad	1	0	1	0	—	—	—	—
M Broadhurst	1.1	0	7	0	—	—	—	—
A D Brown	1	0	6	0	—	—	—	—
S J E Brown	509	78	1861	47	39.59	7-70	3	—
M A Butcher	134	24	436	15	29.06	4-51	—	—
D Byas	2	0	16	0	—	—	—	—
A R Caddick	541	115	1678	63	26.63	9-32	5	3
D J Capel	117.4	37	252	12	21.00	3-15	—	—
J D Carr	10.5	0	73	4	18.25	4-73	—	—
G Chapple	155	34	507	11	46.09	3-50	—	—
J H Childs	709	207	1729	62	27.88	6-37	3	—
C A Connor	261.4	65	803	16	50.18	4-77	—	—
N G B Cook	199.5	68	412	8	51.50	3-34	—	—
K E Cooper	502.4	149	1233	47	26.23	5-83	1	—
D G Cork	398.5	85	1102	37	29.78	4-90	—	—
P A Cottey	7	0	123	0	—	—	—	—
N G Cowans	81	16	234	16	14.62	4-43	—	—
M A Crawley	61.3	14	171	6	28.50	3-86	—	—
R D B Croft	850.5	265	2158	61	35.37	5-112	2	—
A C Cummins	504.3	85	1614	53	30.45	6-115	3	—
K M Curran	458	123	1293	67	19.29	7-47	3	—
T S Curtis	7	2	22	0	—	—	—	—
D B D'Oliveira	55	13	155	5	31.00	3-36	—	—
A Dale	393.1	81	1238	37	33.45	6-18	1	—
R P Davis	479.4	141	1118	36	31.05	7-127	2	1
P A J DeFreitas	651.4	128	1970	60	32.83	7-76	4	1
W A Dessaur	17	2	94	0	—	—	—	—
M A Ealham	281.2	56	917	31	29.58	5-14	2	—
R M Ellison	61	19	169	4	42.25	2-30	—	—
J E Emburey	719.4	226	1401	71	19.73	8-40	2	1
K P Evans	265.3	69	660	25	26.40	6-67	1	—
M A Feltham	327.3	88	905	29	31.20	4-48	—	—
M G Field-Buss	307.3	112	748	28	26.71	6-42	1	—
M V Fleming	422	103	1086	34	31.94	4-31	—	—
D P J Flint	388.2	95	1066	31	34.38	5-32	1	—
M J Foster	17	3	50	3	16.66	3-39	—	—
A R C Fraser	532.4	131	1388	61	22.75	7-40	2	—
J E R Gallian	195	43	585	11	53.18	3-52	—	—
M W Gatting	1	0	4	0	—	—	—	—
E S H Giddins	379	55	1490	29	51.37	5-120	1	—
G A Gooch	36	9	110	0	—	—	—	—
D Gough	507.3	115	1517	57	26.61	7-42	3	1
D A Graveney	579.1	187	1308	38	34.38	5-78	1	—
A P Grayson	5	3	7	0	—	—	—	—
K Greenfield	39	7	136	5	27.20	2-40	—	—
F A Griffith	170.5	29	593	14	42.35	3-32	—	—
T H C Hancock	44	12	136	6	22.66	3-10	—	—
R J Harden	0.3	0	0	0	—	—	—	—
P J Hartley	351.4	91	1027	37	27.75	5-51	1	—
A N Hayhurst	58	19	168	3	56.00	1-13	—	—
D L Haynes	7	1	61	1	61.00	1-61	—	—
G R Haynes	87	18	250	5	50.00	2-29	—	—
D W Headley	439.4	106	1191	42	28.35	7-79	2	—
E E Hemmings	683.2	208	1541	63	24.46	7-31	2	1
G A Hick	203.4	59	603	10	60.30	2-15	—	—
A J Hollioake	102.3	17	305	5	61.00	2-75	—	—
C L Hooper	545	126	1281	33	38.81	4-35	—	—
N Hussain	10.3	0	108	1	108.00	1-75	—	—
S Hutton	2	1	1	0	—	—	—	—
A P Igglesden	438.5	111	1068	54	19.77	6-58	3	1
R K Illingworth	645	219	1404	55	25.52	6-28	1	—
M C Ilott	640.4	130	1962	59	33.25	7-85	2	—
R Irani	1	0	6	0	—	—	—	—
K D James	323.2	83	942	36	26.16	4-33	—	—
P W Jarvis	267.4	62	705	26	27.11	4-51	—	—
M Jean-Jacques	52.3	11	181	4	45.25	2-117	—	—
R L Johnson	16	5	58	1	58.00	1-58	—	—
M Keech	52	17	113	5	22.60	2-28	—	—
N M Kendrick	358	113	960	29	33.10	7-115	1	—
S R Lampitt	333	62	1062	34	31.23	3-9	—	—
W Larkins	4	0	16	0	—	—	—	—
M N Lathwell	25	8	73	1	73.00	1-40	—	—
D R Law	63.4	12	216	5	43.20	2-38	—	—
D A Leatherdale	1	1	0	0	—	—	—	—
R P Lefebvre	619.1	177	1379	44	31.34	4-70	—	—
N J Lenham	93	23	255	9	28.33	4-13	—	—
C C Lewis	561.1	122	1619	42	38.54	4-34	—	—
N J Llong	62.2	17	152	4	38.00	3-29	—	—
M B Loye	0.1	0	1	0	—	—	—	—
M A Lynch	1	1	0	0	—	—	—	—
D E Malcolm	338.5	57	1262	41	30.78	6-57	2	—
N A Mallender	329.5	102	772	32	24.12	5-49	1	—
P J Martin	406.5	105	1188	38	31.26	5-35	1	—
R J Maru	30	4	119	1	119.00	1-62	—	—
M P Maynard	6	0	110	1	110.00	1-110	—	—
M J McCague	298.1	67	888	31	28.64	5-33	2	—
T C Middleton	0.2	0	4	0	—	—	—	—
G W Mike	205	42	708	17	41.64	5-65	1	—
D J Millns	184.3	51	584	25	23.36	5-21	2	—
A J Moles	14	2	97	4	24.25	3-87	—	—
P Moores	1	1	0	0	—	—	—	—
J E Morris	6	1	6	1	6.00	1-6	—	—
R S M Morris	0.4	0	1	0	—	—	—	—
O H Mortensen	255	66	643	21	30.61	5-55	1	—
M D Moxon	4	2	7	0	—	—	—	—
A D Mullally	528.1	141	1506	62	24.29	7-72	2	1
T A Munton	334.3	112	740	27	27.40	7-41	1	—
A J Murphy	338.4	81	1043	32	32.59	5-58	1	—
Mushtaq Ahmed	694.3	212	1773	85	20.85	7-91	8	3
P J Newport	546.5	135	1454	60	24.23	6-63	1	—
M C J Nicholas	1	0	4	0	—	—	—	—
J A North	104	14	413	7	59.00	3-32	—	—
D P Ostler	6	1	16	0	—	—	—	—
G J Parsons	490.1	151	1111	45	24.68	3-23	—	—
M M Patel	199.5	52	533	17	31.35	7-75	2	1
R M Pearson	335.3	68	1020	21	48.57	3-61	—	—
A L Penberthy	171	43	522	18	29.00	5-37	1	—
C Penn	142	38	296	12	24.66	4-12	—	—
D B Pennett	172	34	520	17	30.58	5-36	1	—
T L Penney	2.1	0	13	0	—	—	—	—
R A Pick	346	78	1070	25	42.80	5-53	1	—
A R K Pierson	528.5	141	1371	44	31.15	6-87	4	—
A C S Pigott	282.3	44	1001	21	47.66	4-51	—	—
P R Pollard	14	0	135	2	67.50	2-79	—	—
P J Prichard	6	0	77	1	77.00	1-77	—	—
N V Radford	269.5	46	1012	33	30.66	6-49	1	—
M R Ramprakash	8.4	1	39	1	39.00	1-22	—	—
J D Ratcliffe	18.3	3	106	2	53.00	1-6	—	—
D A Reeve	284.1	108	528	22	24.00	3-38	—	—
R B Richardson	7	0	23	1	23.00	1-5	—	—
A R Roberts	269.5	75	760	19	40.00	3-51	—	—
M A Robinson	514	130	1346	49	27.46	9-37	3	1
P E Robinson	14.3	1	91	2	45.50	1-13	—	—
G D Rose	324.3	62	1090	43	25.34	6-83	3	—
R C Russell	1.5	0	15	0	—	—	—	—
I D K Salisbury	616.3	132	2007	54	37.16	5-81	2	—
N Shahid	13	5	28	0	—	—	—	—
K J Shine	296.1	56	1172	24	48.83	6-62	2	—
P V Simmons	18	11	20	0	—	—	—	—
R W Sladdin	326.5	96	1017	23	44.21	3-30	—	—
G C Small	251.4	71	629	21	29.95	4-39	—	—
A W Smith	93	15	387	5	77.40	2-7	—	—
B F Smith	13	4	30	0	—	—	—	—
I Smith	35	7	109	2	54.50	1-10	—	—
N M K Smith	586.1	151	1593	48	33.18	6-122	3	—
P A Smith	130.5	18	505	14	36.07	4-35	—	—
R A Smith	1	0	2	0	—	—	—	—
J N Snape	19.5	2	113	2	56.50	2-49	—	—
D J Spencer	42	8	160	4	40.00	4-46	—	—
R D Stemp	540	188	1207	40	30.17	6-92	2	—
F D Stephenson	397	77	1155	41	28.17	5-55	1	—
J P Stephenson	265.5	52	908	30	30.26	5-31	2	—
P M Such	812	197	2148	76	28.26	6-67	7	3
J P Taylor	646.5	191	1789	69	25.92	6-82	2	—
S D Thomas	141.3	21	556	20	27.80	5-76	1	—
G P Thorpe	77.3	15	270	7	38.57	4-40	—	—
M J Thursfield	43	13	143	5	28.60	4-78	—	—
C M Tolley	442.5	115	1194	42	28.42	5-55	1	—
T D Topley	181.5	41	627	15	41.80	3-15	—	—
H R J Trump	237.4	79	589	15	39.26	4-74	—	—
P C R Tufnell	688.4	189	1529	64	23.89	8-29	3	—
R G Twose	102.2	16	302	11	27.45	4-85	—	—
S D Udal	763.2	183	2232	74	30.16	6-141	5	2
A P van Troost	282	49	1036	31	33.41	5-47	1	—
M J Vandrau	288.4	62	937	16	58.56	2-8	—	—
M P Vaughan	13	4	42	1	42.00	1-23	—	—
C A Walsh	528.2	119	1516	64	23.68	5-59	3	—
Waqar Younis	449.4	89	1407	62	22.69	6-42	4	—
A E Warner	322.5	76	900	41	21.95	5-27	3	1
Wasim Akram	409.2	93	1137	59	19.27	8-68	5	1
S L Watkin	788.4	173	2098	92	22.80	5-71	2	—
M Watkinson	662.5	146	1950	51	38.23	5-12	1	—
P N Weekes	55	7	151	3	50.33	2-55	—	—
C M Wells	33	4	103	4	25.75	2-36	—	—
V J Wells	241.4	66	705	18	39.16	2-5	—	—
W P C Weston	7	0	25	1	25.00	1-13	—	—
C White	130	36	310	15	20.66	3-9	—	—
N F Williams	372	85	1131	39	29.00	8-61	1	—
M G N Windows	1	0	3	0	—	—	—	—
J Wood	132	26	735	16	45.93	4-106	—	—
G Yates	233	46	692	16	43.25	5-108	1	—

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Lane's lead survives bold charge by Payne

FROM MEL WEBB IN MAJORCA

WITH amazing prescience, Barry Lane forecast, when leading after the first round of the Turespaña Balearic Open on Thursday, that, if he was 18 under par going into the last nine holes yesterday, he would win. Well, he was and he did, but for a brief spell in mid-afternoon at Son Vida it looked as if it might all go wrong.

In closing with a 69 to finish on 269, 19 under par, Lane won by two shots from Jim Payne, the defending champion, with Wayne Westner, of South Africa, third, two further strokes behind.

The margin of victory hardly flattered him, for he played cool, calm and collected golf to lead from gun to tape, but he had to withstand a determined onslaught by Payne before he completed the fourth victory of his career.

For two thirds of the final round, Lane, 33, who led by five shots overnight, appeared to heed to do little more than stay on his feet to collect the first prize of £41,616 and, when he birdied the 12th from 20 feet, he moved to six ahead on 20 under par.

Then Payne, playing in the group ahead of him, eagled the 13th from 35 feet to go to 16 under and exerted more pressure with another birdie on the 15th from 25 feet. All of a sudden, Lane's lead had been halved and it was reduced to two when he pushed his drive to the right on the 15th, could move it only about 30 yards from thick rough and dropped a shot.

It could have become even closer when Payne lined up a nine-foot putt for a birdie two on the short 16th, but he shaved the hole and had to be content with a par. Payne then bogeyed the 17th when he got a flier from the rough and missed the green to put the gap back to three and, with Lane playing cool, percentage golf for pars on the last three holes, Payne's birdie on the last to complete a sparkling round of 66 was largely irrelevant.

Payne was happy enough with a courageous defence of his title: "I never really thought I was going to win, but when he bogeyed the 15th there was a slim chance," he said. "Barry has played very, very well."

It is only right, though, to leave the last word to the winner: "I didn't sleep all that well last night, but I knew if I could shoot a 69 today, somebody would have to shoot 63 to beat me." Lane, who has been taking painkillers all week to fend off a heavy cold, said. Yesterday, he had a Payne barrier of another sort to overcome and he did it in style.

OSCAR PIPKIN



Lane demonstrates the smooth swing that stood up well to last-round pressures in the Balearic Open

Chamblee strikes vintage form

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN FORT LAUDERDALE

BRANDEL Chamblee is a name that sounds as though it should be on everyone's lips at the end of the day — one of those wonderfully dry whites with which Australian wine growers irritate the French and haul in the gold medals. In reality, however, Chamblee is an American golfer whose years as a professional have so far been far from vintage.

In the final round of the Honda Classic at Weston Hills country club, yesterday, the little-rated 31-year-old had his best ever chance to be the cream of the crop, for a week at least. After three rounds, he was six under par and led the tournament by two shots from Davis Love III, with the weighty quartet of Nick Price, Curtis Strange, Craig Parry and Bruce Lietzke a shot further back.

John Daly, the prodigal, returned. He was in the group on one under par, alongside Bernhard Langer, the Masters champion. Nick Faldo, the world No 2, was on level par but his finish to the third round will have stuck in his perfectionist's craw, for he was two under par with four holes to play. At the 15th, a difficult 455-yard par four made more difficult by the breezy conditions, Faldo hit his second shot into the water and he wound up with a double-bogey six. He had a birdie two at the 17th and put his third shot at the last to three feet. All seemed redeemed.

But the trouble with putting is that it is a pesky game within a game. The 18th green, looking brown and crusty, was described by Lietzke as the saddest thing he had ever seen: "It's difficult to find the grain when there's no green grass," he said. He had no disagreement from Faldo, who took three putts and failed to hit the hole with the first two. A birdie four became a bogey six.

However, nobody had any idea how Chamblee would react to leading in such distinguished company. He is in his fifth year on tour and though he did win in college — the University of Texas, the alma mater of Tom Kite and Ben Crenshaw — and on the Ben Hogan tour in 1990, all that was a rather lower key.

Sandy Lyle, a man well used to struggling, started beautifully yesterday, with three birdies in the first eight holes, to be one over par.

Castleford fall for Dorahy's gamesmanship

Castleford	6
Wigan	20

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE mental as much as the physical undermined Castleford. Every bit as incredible as the achievement of Wigan in reaching a seventh consecutive rugby league Silk Cut Challenge Cup final was the gamesmanship behind it.

Not only were they a team transformed from that beaten out of sight twice by Castleford, it was radically different from the one John Dorahy, the Wigan coach, had said would take the field at Headingley.

Three players, Platt, Dermott and Bell, supposedly unavailable, were pillars of an immense display by the pack. It transpired that they were fit and selected five days beforehand, although Dorahy continued to throw up a smokescreen, insisting that they were injured.

This is what Dorahy calls fair psychological warfare. "The more they [Castleford] see about it in the paper, the more it becomes ingrained and instinctive to them that they're out. Again, it's a psychology factor. I wasn't playing ducks and drakes with anyone. I was in a serious mood," he said. And he was.

Dorahy was under pressure to deliver. The rumour mill ground out suggestions that Wigan were on £5,000 a man: that the players, not the coach, had selected the side. It all helped the impression of a great side ripe for toppling.

Castleford fell for some of it. Hearts ruled heads and the golden rule against Wigan — never give them any room in the first quarter — was, fatally, ignored.

Within 25 minutes, a three-try salvo from Wigan left Castleford in an impossible catch-up situation. A late converted score by Kemp gave them some consolation, but Castleford choked badly.

Wigan's overall form remains patchy, yet the Cup stirs their soul. They were classical in the first half, clinical in their defence afterwards. Castleford mishandled twice and Botica, from halfway, and Atcheson, who exercised masterly control at full back, sold dummies and were away.

Farrell is such an integral part of the side now that it is easy to forget he is only 18. Without his rampaging and tackling at loose forward, there is no way allowed Edwards and Botica, the scorer of 12 points, could have shone as they did at half-back and Connolly have slide-ruled his kick for Offiah to swoop.

Meanwhile Wigan were helped in their defence of the Stones Bitter Championship when the leaders, Bradford Northern, surrendered a year-long unbeaten home league record to bottom-placed Leigh, who had not won away all season, yesterday 24-14.

SCORERS: Castleford: Try: Kemp. Goal: Crooks. Wigan: Tries: Botica, Atcheson, Offiah. Goals: Botica (4).

CASTLEFORD: G Steadman; S Ellis, R Blackmore, G Anderson, S Middleton; T Kemp, M Ford; L Crooks, R Russell, M Ketteridge (sub: A Hay, 25min), T Morrison (sub: K England, 25), I Smales, T Nikau.

WIGAN: P Atcheson; J Robinson, B Mather, G Connolly, M Offiah; F Botica, S Edwards; K Skerrett, M Dermott (sub: Cassidy, 57), A Platt (sub: D Bell, 32), N Cowie (sub: Platt, 54), M Cassidy (sub: S Panapa, 25), A Farrell.

Referee: S Cummings.

ATHLETICS

PARIS: European Indoor Championships

Men's finals

400M: 1, D Ladejo (GB) 46.53; 2, M Vdovin (Russ) 46.58; 3, R Lieder (Ger) 46.82; 4, L Becker (Ger) 47.74; 5, A Nuti (It) 50.05.

800M: 1, A Loginov (Russ) 1:46.38; 2, L J Gonzalez (Sp) 1:46.69; 3, O Deana (Fr) 1:47.18; 4, N Motchebon (Ger) 1:47.24; 5, T Johansson (Swe) 1:47.42; 6, B Konczylo (Fr) 2:00.33.

1500M: 1, D Strang (GB) 3:44.57; 2, B Zorko (Cro) 3:44.64; 3, K Chekhemani (Fr) 3:44.65; 4, M Pancorbo (Sp) 3:45.03; 5, V Shabunin (Russ) 3:45.37; 6, M Damian (Fr) 3:45.54.

60M HURDLES: 1, C Jackson (GB) 7.41sec; 2, G Borol (Rom) 7.57; 3, M Fenner (Ger) 7.58; 4, D Philibert (Fr) 7.60; 5, I Kovac (Slovakia) 7.72; 6, J Hudec (Cz) 7.72.

POLE VAULT: 1, P Bochkarev (Russ) 5.90m; 2, J Galfione (Fr) 5.80; 3, I Trandenko (Russ) 5.75; 4, D Petushinsky (Russ) 5.75; 5, I Bagyula (Hun) 5.70; 6, G Iapichino (It) 5.60.

LONG JUMP: 1, D Haaf (Ger) 8.15; 2, K Koukodimos (Gr) 8.09; 3, B Tudor (Rom) 8.07; 4, I Mladenov (Bul) 8.07; 5, S Tarasenko (Russ) 8.02; 6, D Bagryanov (Russ) 8.01.

TRIPLE JUMP: 1, L Voloshin (Russ) 17.44; 2, D Kapustin (Russ) 17.35; 3, V Sokov (Russ) 17.31; 4, S Helan (Fr) 17.23; 5, G Saint Rose (Fr) 16.98; 6, M Buzziks (Lat) 16.83.

SHOT: 1, A Bagach (Ukr) 20.66; 2, D Penc (EP) 20.55; 3, P Gudmundsson (Ice) 20.04; 4, M Martinez (Sp) 19.85; 5, O-S Buder (Ger) 19.66; 6, P-D Soglio (It) 19.62.

5,000M WALK: 1, M Schennikov (Russ) 18min 34.32sec; 2, R Weigel (Ger) 18:40.32; 3, D Langlois (Fr) 18:43.20; 4, M Didoni (It) 18:44.95; 5, J-C Corre (Fr) 19:01.03; 6, P Blazek (Slovakia) 19.10.24.

Women's finals

60M: 1, N Fiere-Cooman (Holl) 7.17; 2, M Paschke (Ger) 7.19; 3, P Girard (Fr) 7.19; 4, P Pendareva (Bul) 7.24; 5, D Dimarova (Bul) 7.25; 6, S Troger (Austria) 7.31.

800M: 1, N Dukhnova (Belo) 2min 00.42sec; 2, E Kovacs (Rom) 2:00.49; 3, C Sacramento (Port) 2:01.12; 4, S Jongmans (Holl) 2:01.82; 5, E Goossens (Holl) 2:03.59; 6, E Storchovaya (Ukr) 2:05.41.

1,500M: 1, E Podkopayeva (Russ) 4:06.46; 2, L Rogachova (Russ) 4:06.60; 3, M Rydz (Pol) 4:06.98; 4, V Beclea (Rom) 4:07.06; 5, E Kiessling (Ger) 4:10.68; 6, T Zuniga (Sp) 4:10.99.

60M HURDLES: 1, Y Donkova (Bul) 7.85sec; 2, E Sokolova (Russ) 7.89; 3, A Piquereau (Fr) 7.91; 4, B Bukovec (Slovenia) 7.94; 5, C Tuzzi (It) 7.97; 6, P Girard (Fr) 7.98.

HIGH JUMP: 1, S Kostadinova (Bul) 1.98m; 2, D Alexandrova (Bul) 1.96; 3, S Kirchmann (Austria) 1.96; 4, T Chevtchik (Belo); 5, E Gulyaeva-Rodina (Russ) 1.93; 6, H Haugland (Nor) 1.93.

LONG JUMP: 1, H Drechsler (Ger) 7.06; 2, L Ninova (Austria) 6.78; 3, I Kravets (Ukr) 6.72; 4, V Ucchedda (It) 6.69; 5, M Dulgheru (Rom) 6.61; 6, A Karczmarek (Pol) 6.60.

TRIPLE JUMP: 1, I Lasovskaya (Russ) 14.88m; 2, A Biriukova (Russ) 14.72; 3, S Bozhanova (Bul) 14.52; 4, S Kasparkova (Cz) 14.46; 5, I Prandzheva (Bul) 14.38; 6, I Kravets (Ukr) 14.32.

SHOT: 1, A Kumbernuss (Ger) 19.44; 2, L Peleshenko (Russ) 19.16; 3, S Mitkova (Bul) 19.09; 4, A Romanova (Russ) 18.80; 5, G Hammer (Ger) 18.58; 6, K Danilczyk (Pol) 18.57.

PENTATHLON: 1, L Turchinskaya (Russ) 4,801pts; 2, R Inancsi (Hun) 4,775; 3, U Wlodarczyk (Pol) 4,668; 4, L Nastase (Rom) 4,620; 5, L Mikhaylova (Russ) 4,616; 6, I Krause (Ger) 4,503.

3000M WALK: 1, A Sidoti (It) 11:54.32; 2, B Gummelt (Ger) 11:56.01; 3, E Arshintseva (Russ) 11:57.48; 4, E Nikolayeva (Russ) 11:57.49; 5, L Youkhnevich (Belo) 12:04.46; 6, S Essayah (Fin) 12:12.80.

Other events

SOUTH SHIELDS: English men's national cross country championships: Senior 14km: 1, D Lewis (Rossendale) 42min 36sec; 2, J Nuttall (Preston) 42:52; 3, J Downes (London Irish) 43:16; 4, K Anderson (Bingley) 43:22; 5, G Tromans (Coventry Godiva) 43:25; 6, C Robison (Omega) 43.35. Teams: 1, Blackheath 171; 2, Bingley 203; 3, Morpeth 214; 4, Tipton; 5, Salford 366; 6, Coventry Godiva 415. Junior 8km: 1, K Tadesse (Belgrave) 29:54. Teams: 1, Coventry Godiva 58. Youths 8.5km: 1, A Oldfield (Kettering) 28:02. Teams: 1, Aldershot, Farnham & District 105.

SYDNEY: Australian championships: Selected results (Australia unless stated): Men: 100m: 1, D Marsh 10.39sec; 2, M Johnson (US) 10.51; 3, D Capobianco 10.54. 110m hurdles: 1, K Vander Kuyp 13.60sec; 2, J Pierce (US) 13.72; 3, D Cooper 13.75. Women: 100m: 1, G Torrence (US) 11.46sec; 2, C Freeman 11.52; 3, M Gainsford 11.55.

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana: NCAA indoor championships (US unless stated): Men: 55m: G Saddler 6.11sec. 400m: C Davis 46.18. 800m: J Parrilla 1min 47.77sec. Mile: 1, N Bruton (Ire) 3:59.34; 2, A Keith (Ire) 4:00.55. 3,000m: 1, J Kapkory (Ken) 7.50.90; 3, M Carroll (Ire) 7:54.31. Pole vault: L Johnson 5.83m. Triple jump: E Walder 17.24m. Women: 55m: H Hyche 6.70sec. 400m: F Hams 52.11. 800m: A Wickus 2:2.05. Mile: A Rudolph 4:37.54. 3,000m: K Gooch (NZ) 8:58.85. High jump: A Acuff 1.89m. Triple jump: T Young 13.20m. Shot putt: E Vanisi 17.72m.

MANILA, Philippines: Manila marathon: Men: 1, R Antoque (Phil) 2hr 28min 24secs; 2, G Veletti (It) 2:29:01; 3, R Vence (Phil) 2:33:51. Women: 1, L Beliaeva (Russ) 2:56:22; 2, M Grazia Navacchia (It) 2:57:32; 3, Arsenia Sagaray (Phil) 2:58:24.

NAGOYA, Japan: Nagoya women's marathon: 1, E Asai (Japan) 2hr 30min 30sec; 2, R Buranguiova (Russ) 2:31.12; 3, A Rybicka (Pol) 2:31 43.

CYCLING

MANDELIEU, France: Paris-Nice race: Seventh stage: (Toulon to Mandelieu-la-Napoule, 199km): 1, Charly Mottet (Fr) 5hr 04min 32sec; 2, J Montoya (Sp) at 13sec; 3, R Pensec (Fr) 19. Overall: 1, Montoya 34:34.50; 2, A Romminger at 6sec; 3, Ekimov at 12sec.

JUMILLA: Spain: Tour of Murcia: Fifth stage (Alcantarilla to Jumilla, 175km): 1, F Colonna (It) 4hr 28min 42sec; 2, J P Heynderickx (Bel); 3, J Capiot (Bel) both same time. 11km time-trial: 1, C Boardman (GB); 2, M Maun (Sp) at 9sec; 3, E Breukink (Holl). Overall: 1, Maun 17hr 52min 02sec; 2, A Garmendia (Sp) at 23sec; 3, H Diaz (Sp) at 31sec.

CASTIGLION FIBOCCHI, Italy: Tirreno-Adriatico race: Fourth stage: (Cecina to Cecina, 186km): 1, J Skibby (Denmark) 4hr 41min 23sec; 2, M Strazzer (It); 3, D Konytchev (Russ) both same time. Fifth stage (Bolgheri to Castiglion Fibocchi, 191km): 1, S Zanini (It) 4hr 47min 15sec; 2, S Colage (It); 3, G Furlan (It) both same time. Overall: 1, Furlan 22:11:02; 2, G Petito at 4sec; 3, A Chiurato at 6sec.

ROAD RACES: GS Europa Rope and Tackle two-day (Winchester, 145 miles): Final overall: 1, S Calland (Stretford Wheelers) 5hr 50min 41sec; 2, C King (CC Giro) at 46sec; 3, S Farrell (West Midlands Centre of Excellence) at 1:45. Romford-Harlow pro-am (87 miles): 1, G Coltman (Team Raleigh) 3:35:10; 2, J Bayfield (Wycombe RC); 3, M Gray (Crast CC) both same time. Danum Trophy (Rotherham, 60 miles): W Randle (Optimum Performance RT) 2:44:27. Mersey RC (Delamere, Cheshire, 50 miles): M Lovatt (Optimum Performance RT) 2:15:08. Neil White Memorial (Trimdon, Co Durham, 35 miles): H Botting (Northern Velo) 1:48:24. Dave Hollingworth Memorial (Rothwell, near Leeds, 62 miles): J Ramsbottom (Dinnington RC) 2:45:47. High Wycombe CC (61 miles): A McCaffrey (Invicta RC), 2:28:05.

TIME-TRIALS: Maidenhead and District CC (hilly, 30 miles): E Adkins (Leo RC) 1:14:16. Team: Hounslow and District Wheelers 3:55:38. St Budeaux CC (hilly, 28 miles): K Squibb (Tiverton Cycle Sport), 1:20:00. Chippenham and District Wheelers (hilly, 27 miles): J Jones (JPM Racing), 1:03:50. Team: Bristol South CC, 3:23:57. Walsall RCC (two-up, 25 miles): S Dangerfield (North Wirral Velo) and W Moore (Leo RC) 54:37. Antelope RT (two-up, Andover, 25 miles): J Prichard and C Pritchard (Olympia Sport) 1:00:55. Nottingham Clarion (two-up, 25 miles): G Wharton (Nottingham Clarion) and R Morris (Beauvale CC) 1:01:22. Monmouthshire CL (hilly, 23 miles): C Wallace (Hirwaun Wheelers) 1:09:40. Team: Cardiff Byways RCC 3:48:42. Chester RC (two-up, 23 miles): C Berry and P Hoseley (New Brighton CC) 1:00:09. Maldon and District CC (hilly, 23 miles): S Giles (Leo RC) 57 48. Cleveland Wheelers (hilly, 21 miles): H Walker (GS Metro) 49:37. Team: Cleveland Wheelers 2:39:01. Harrogate Nova CC (hilly, 19 miles): L Holmes (Morley CC) 51:30. Team: Morley CC 2:50:51. Croydon and District CC (hilly, 18.5 miles): B Taylor (Bournemouth Arrow CC) 39:14.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Friday: New York 90, Boston 83; New Jersey 87, Indiana 73; Washington 100, Denver 93; Orlando 112, Philadelphia 105, Phoenix 122, Miami 107; Atlanta 108, Chicago 77; Detroit 98, Cleveland 96; Charlotte 97, Minnesota 91; Seattle 100, San Antonio 99; Sacramento 108, Milwaukee 100. LA Clippers 106, Dallas 96. Saturday: New Jersey 117, Charlotte 92; Atlanta 104, Detroit 92; Indiana 104, Milwaukee 97; New York 96, Cleveland 86; Chicago 111, Sacramento 94; San Antonio 109, Houston 98.

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Friday: Leicester Riders 79 Guildford Kings 68. Saturday: Guildford Kings 99 (Henlan 23, Miller 23) Doncaster Panthers 83 (Harvey 18, Joseph 18). Oldham Celtics 72 (Merfield 29, Mowinski 16); Manchester Giants 93 (Gordon 26, Samuels 21). Sunderland Scorpions 99 (Saunders 41, A Hopper 17) London Towers 108 (Bowers 34, R Scantlebury 23) (OT). Worthing Bears 84 (Hamed 27, Iash 14) Derby Bucks 73 (Semon 20, Lascelles 17).

BOWLS

DARLINGTON: English women's indoor championships: Yetton Trophy: Semi-finals: Boston 101 Stevenage 58; Rugby Thornfield 83 Banster Park 62. Final: Boston 93 Rugby Thornfield 87 (Boston skips first: M Hewerson 43 A Williams 11; J Cammack 16 I Rowan 21; C Hiorn 12 J Moore 36; D Quincey 22 M Edwards 19).

DUNDEE: CIS Insurance Scottish Indoor League: Final: East Lothian 69 Barnfield 66 (East Lothian skips first: G Robertson 13, F Muirhead 14, A Blair 21, R Marshall 15; W W Wood 19, A Marshall 20, I Bell 16, A Brown 17).

BOXING

CARDIFF: World Boxing Organisation featherweight championship: Steve Robinson (Cardiff, holder) ko Paul Hodkinson (Liverpool) 12th. Cruiserweight (6 rnds): Ray Kane (Dublin) bt Kerc Davis (Bristol) pts. Light-middle (6 rnds): Adrian Dodson (Islington) bt Danny Juma (Ghana) pts. Light-middle (6 rnds): Jeff McCreath (Bracknell) bt Barry Thorogood (Cardiff) pts. Flyweight (8 rnds): Robbie Regan (Cwm Forest) bt Mauricio Bernal (Colombia) pts.

CRICKET

AUCKLAND: Fourth one-day international: Match tied.

PAKISTAN

Saeed Anwar c Blain c Larsen	25
Aamir Sohail c Blain b Larsen	24
Inzamam-ul-Haq c Young b Larsen	7
*Salim Malik b Thomson	7
Basit Ali run out	34
Asif Mujtaba c Rutherford b Hart	5
†Rashid Latif b Thomson	5
Wasim Akram b Larsen	15
Akram Raza not out	11
Waqar Younis c Hartland b Pringle	2
Ata-ur-Rehman not out	11
Extras (b 2, lb 8, w 5)	15
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	161

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-59, 3-60, 4-80, 5-85, 6-101, 7-127, 8-139, 9-146.

BOWLING: Pringle 10-0-29-1; de Groen 6-2-26-0; Cairns 7-1-21-0; Larsen 10-0-24-4; Hart 10-1-29-1; Thomson 7-1-22-2.

NEW ZEALAND

B A Young b Younis	5
B R Hartland b Younis	3
A H Jones c Basit b Raza	21
*K R Rutherford c Younis b Malik	47
C L Cairns run out	39
S A Thomson c Latif b Younis	24
†T E Blain c Latif b Akram	0
G E Larsen lbw b Younis	1
M Hart b Younis	6
C Pringle not out	1
R P de Groen lbw b Younis	2
Extras (lb 5, w 7)	12
Total (49.4 overs)	161

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-8, 3-65, 4-85, 5-142, 6-144, 7-152, 8-152, 9-159, 10-161.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 10-1-24-1; Waqar 9.4-1-30-6; Ata-ur-Rehman 4-0-22-0; Akram Raza 10-1-21-1; Aamir 9-0-29-0; Salim 7-0-30-1.

Man of the match: Waqar Younis.

Pakistan lead five-match series 3-0 (one match tied).

STELLENBOSCH, South Africa: Tour match: Australia 254-7 dec and 154-2 (M Taylor 74). Boland 155 (G McGrath 4-58).

DUNEDIN, New Zealand: New Zealand Emerging Players 233-4 dec and 236-2 (M Douglas 64no, B Hartland 52); India 352 (M Prabakher 147, S Manjrekar 134).

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados: Geddes Grant Shield (50-over match): Leeward Islands 283-6 (S Williams 85, L Harrigan 68); Barbados 255 (S Campbell 61; K Arthurton 4-35). Leeward Islands won by 34 runs.

GOLF

SON VIDA, Majorca: Turespaña Balearic Open: Leading final scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 269: B Lane 64, 70, 66, 69. 271: J Payne 67, 68, 70, 66. 273: W Westner (SA) 68, 70, 67, 68. 275: P Lawrie 74, 65, 69, 67. L Westwood 69, 67, 71, 68. 277: S Struver (Ger) 71, 67, 72, 67. A Coltart 73, 69, 67, 68; J Rivero (Sp) 72, 67, 66, 72. 278: P Hedblom (Swe) 72, 71, 68, 67; T Price (Aus) 71, 71, 68, 68; P Linhart (Sp) 71, 71, 64, 72. 279: A Cejka (Ger) 74, 70, 70, 65; R Karlsson (Swe) 68, 71, 71, 69.

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida: Honda Classic: Leading three-round scores (US unless stated): 207: B Chamblee 67, 68, 72. 209: D Love 68, 71, 70. 210: C Parry (Aus) 68, 73, 69; C Strange 71, 67, 72; B Lietzke 68, 68, 74; N Price (Zim) 70, 67, 73. 211: D Edwards 70, 72, 69; B Fleisher 68, 73, 70. 212: J Daly 69, 70, 73; B Langer 67, 72, 73; E Dougherty 70, 65, 77. 213: H Sutton 71, 72, 70. N Faldo (GB) 70, 70, 73; J Gallagher 68, 71, 74. 214: T Kite 71, 72, 71; S Hoch 68, 71, 75. Other British: 215: I Woosnam 72, 71, 72. 217: S Lyle 71, 74, 72.

TUCSON, Arizona: Ping/Welch's Championship: Leading three-round scores (US unless stated): 203: D Andrews 66, 68, 69. 206: B Sutton 69, 68, 69. 207: M Estill 65, 74, 68. 208: D Dormann 67, 74, 67; S Steinhauer 66, 70, 72. British: 214: T Johnson 72, 70, 72.

KEDOIN, Japan: Token Corporation Cup: Leading final scores (Japanese unless stated, third round cancelled — rain): 208: C Warren (Aus) 70, 68, 70. 209: M Ozaki 74, 69, 66. 210: B Jones (Aus) 70, 69, 71. 211: Y Yamamoto 63, 74, 68; M Kuramoto 70, 72, 69. N Serizawa 70, 71, 70.

BANGKOK: Thailand Open: Leading final scores (US unless stated). 276: B Jobe 65, 72, 79, 70. 280: L Porter 72, 69, 71, 68. 283: J Gould (GB) 68, 68, 78, 71; Carlos Franco (Para) 74, 71, 66, 72; E Aubrey 68, 73, 71, 71. 284: S Flesch 69, 71, 72, 72; D Walsworth 73, 69, 73, 68.

WEETABIX CHALLENGE TROPHY (at Warren Club, Essex; GB and Ireland names first): Foursomes: J Hall and G Simpson bt D Reid and C Dibnah 3 and 1; N Buxton and J Hockley lost to H Wadsworth and L Maritz-Atkin 6 and 4; V Thomas and K Speak lost to L Fairclough and A Shapcott 3 and 2; E R Power and T Eakin halved with C Duffy and S Prosser; A Rose and L Dermott lost to C Panton-Lewis and S Moon 3 and 1; F McKay and M McKinlays lost to C Hall and J Morley 3 and 2. Singles: Hall bt Dibnah 4 and 3; Buxton lost to Reid 2 and 1; Thomas lost to Fairclough 2 and 1; Simpson lost to Wadsworth 4 and 3; Hockley lost to Maritz-Atkin 3 and 2; Speak lost to Shapcott 2 and 1; Dermott lost to Duffy 4 and 2; Power halved with Prosser, Eakin lost to Moon 4 and 3; Rose lost to Panton-Lewis 6 and 4; J McKay lost to C Hall 7 and 6; McKinlay lost to Morley 2 and 1.

HOCKEY

Men

HOCKEY ASSOCIATION CUP: Semi-finals: Hounslow 2 Teddington 2 (Teddington won 4-2 on penalty strokes); Old Loughtonians 3 Reading 2.

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: East Grinstead 0 Slough 1.

ERNST AND YOUNG NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Ben Rhydding 4 Alderley Edge 2; Durham University 3 Timperley 1; Norton 3 York 0.

NEW DELHI: Men's internationals: Saturday: India 5 Holland 2. Sunday: India 1 Holland 1.

Women

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES (at Basingstoke): England 1 India 1; England Under-21 1 Austria (seniors) 0.

SENIOR CLUBS: Aldridge 2 Colwall 0; Blueharts 0 Leicester 1; Cheltenham 1 East Glos 0; St Austell 2 Exmouth 2.

SOUTH WALES LEAGUE: Cardiff Athletic 4 Cardiff Inst 0; Llanishen 1 Old Howardians 4; St Fagans 0 Cwmtawe 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday: Winnipeg 4 Vancouver 8; Calgary 4 Florida 2; Edmonton 4 Detroit 2; Anaheim 2 Chicago 3. Saturday: Hartford 2 Dallas 2 (OT); New Jersey 2 Boston 1; Pittsburgh 6 NY Rangers 2; Quebec 4 Washington 3; Calgary 2 San Jose 0; Montreal 4 Philadelphia 4 (OT); Toronto 3 Winnipeg 1; St Louis 5 NY Islanders 5 (OT); Buffalo 5 Los Angeles 3.

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 4 Humberside 5; Nottingham 11 Durham 7; Billingham 6 Sheffield 13; Whitley Bay 7 Cardiff 13. First division: Lee Valley 8 Romford 6; Milton Keynes 9 Streatham 3; Slough 12 Blackburn 3; Swindon 11 Chelmsford 11; Trafford 16 Oxford 2.

SPEED SKATING

GOTHENBURG: Men's world championships: 500m: 1, I Postma (Holl) 38.39sec; 2, H Noake (Japan) 38.50; 3, N Kotake (Japan) 38.9. 1,500m: 1, J O Koss (Nor) 1:59.68; 2, A Anufrienko (Russ) 2:00.76; 3, Noake 2:00.95. 5,000m: 1, K Storelid (Nor) 7min 11.8sec; 2, Koss 7:14.2; 3, J Radke (Pol) 7:16.1.

INZELL, Germany: Women's world cup: 500m: 1, B Blair (US) 39.72sec; 2, F Schenk (Ger) 39.90; 3, S Auch (Can) 40.37; 3, O Ravilova (Russ) 40.47. 1,000m: 1, Blair 1min 20.15sec; 2, M Garbrecht (Ger) 1:20.9; 3, O Ravilova (Russ) 1:21.42.

SQUASH

VALE DE LOBO: Portuguese Open: Semi-finals: P Marshall (Eng) bt P Nicol (Scot) 15-6, 15-14, 9-15, 15-6; Jansher Khan (Pak) bt R Eyles (Aus) 13-15, 15-8, 15-10, 15-6. Final: Jansher Khan bt Marshall (Eng) 16-17, 15-12, 15-6, 15-7.

RUGBY UNION

SUVA, Fiji: Fiji International Sevens: Quarter-finals: Fiji 21 New Zealand Fijians 12; Tonga 17 West Fiji 10; New Zealand 38 Western Samoa 5; East Fiji 33 Japan 5. Semi-finals: Fiji 28 Tonga 14; East Fiji 21 New Zealand 14. Final: East Fiji 28 Fiji 12. Plate final: Australia 28 Cook Islands 12. Tanoa final: Sri Lanka 21 Uruguay 14.

TENNIS

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida: Lipton Championships: Men: First round: J Tarango (US) bt C Wilkinson (GB) 6-0, 1-0, ret; J Morgan (Aus) bt M Ondruska (SA) 6-2, 6-3; S Matsuoka (Japan) bt M Rush (Ven) 6-2, 6-4; J Bjorkman (Swe) bt J Altur (Sp) 6-3, 3-6, 6-0; M Petchey (GB) bt C Adams 6-3, 7-5; M Knowles (Bah) bt J Canter (US) 7-5, 7-5; R Weiss (US) bt X Daufresne (Bel) 6-1, 6-4; L Wahlgren (Swe) bt D Vacek (Cz) 7-5, 6-3; R Gilbert (Fr) bt B Karbacher (Ger) 6-3, 6-3; M Woodforde (Aus) bt L Mattar (Br) 6-1, 6-4; J Eltingh (Holl) bt G Ellis (Arg) 6-3, 6-4; J Burillo (Sp) bt B Steven (NZ) 6-4, 6-2; N Kulti (Swe) bt J-P Fleurian (Fr) 6-4, 7-5; G Stafford (SA) bt C Van Rensburg (SA) 6-2, 6-0; B Shelton (US) bt T Nijssen (Holl) 6-3, 6-7, 6-3; J Grabb (US) bt J Oncins (Br) 4-6, 6-3, 6-1; L Glotia (US) bt S Pescosolido (It) 6-4, 6-4; F Meligeni (Br) bt T Woodbridge (Aus) 6-1, 6-3; J Palmer (US) bt D Johnson (US) 6-2, 6-3; D Nargiso (It) bt L Herrera (Mex) 6-2, 6-3. Second round: S Edberg (Swe) bt Robbie Weiss (US) 6-4, 6-3; S Bruguera (Sp) bt G Stafford (SA) 4-6, 6-1, 6-0; A Agassi (US) bt M Petchey (GB) 6-2, 4-6, 6-4; J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt B Shelton (US) 6-4, 7-5; A Berasategui (Sp) bt J Burillo (Sp) 6-7, 7-6, 6-2; M Woodforde (Aus) bt Carlos Costa (Sp) 7-5, 6-1; R Reneberg (US) bt L Wahlgren (Swe) 6-1, 6-3; J Grabb (US) bt P McEnroe (US) 7-6, 6-3; G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt S Matsuoka (Japan) 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; J Bjorkman (Swe) bt A Boetsch (Fr) 7-6, 6-2; J Yzaga (Peru) bt J Morgan (Aus) 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; B Becker (Ger) bt N Kulti 3-6, 6-4, 6-0; M Chang (US) bt L Glotia (US) 6-1, 6-3; J Palmer (US) bt M Washington (US) 6-3, 7-6; J Apell (Swe) bt A Volkov (Russ) 6-2, 1-6, 6-4; P Haarhuis (Holl) bt A O'Brien (US) 6-0, 6-2.

Women: First round: K Kschwendt (Ger) bt K Rinaldi (US) 6-3, 6-4; E Likhovtseva (Kazak) bt K Radford (Aus) 6-2, 6-0; R Tedjakusuma (Indo) bt J Husarova (Slovakia) 6-3, 6-3; J Watanabe (US) bt E Makarova (Russ) 7-6, 6-0; K Quentrec (Fr) bt L Golarsa (It) 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; S Farina (It) bt I Spirlea (Rom) 6-1, 6-7, 6-2; E Reinach (SA) bt S Wasserman (Bel) 6-4, 6-7, 6-0; J Lee (US) bt C Singer (Ger) 7-5, 5-7, 7-5; L Harvey-Wild (US) bt B Reinstadler (Austria) 6-4, 6-7, 6-1; T Whitlinger (US) bt L Raymond (US) 6-4, 6-1; M Jackson-Nobrega (US) bt C Kuhlman (US) 6-0, 6-3; R Zrubakova (Slovakia) bt C Wegink (Holl) 6-4, 4-6, 6-2; C Wood (GB) bt C Papadaki (US) 6-2, 6-3; K Studenikova (Slovakia) bt M Drake (Can) 7-5, 7-6; B Paulus (Austria) bt D Graham (US) 4-5 ret; K Boogert (Holl) bt M Jaggard-Lai (Aus) 6-4, 6-3; B Bowes (US) bt C Vis (Holl) 6-2, 2-6, 6-2; A Mall (US) bt A Keller (US) 1-6, 6-3, 7-5; J Kruger (SA) bt E De Lone (US) 6-3, 2-6, 6-4; C Cristea (Rom) bt M Bollegraf (Holl) 6-1, 7-6; I Gorrochategui (Arg) bt R Grande (It) 4-6, 7-5, 6-1; L Neiland (Latvia) bt T Ignatieva (Belo) 2-6, 6-3, 6-1; A Vieira (Br) bt M Kochta (Cz) 6-4, 7-5; F Romano (It) bt S Testud (Fr) 5-7, 6-3, 7-5; R Simpson-Alter (Can) bt M Grossi (It) 6-1, 6-7, 6-4; P Kamstra (Holl) bt R Dragomir (Rom) 7-6, 6-1; W Probst (Ger) bt N Muns-Jagerman (Holl) 6-3, 6-4.

Second round: R Zrubakova (Slovakia) bt H Sukova (Cz) 6-3, 6-4; M Werdel (US) bt A Mall (US) 6-2, 6-4; N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt K Studenikova (Cz Rep) 7-6, 6-4; T Whitlinger (US) bt Y Basuki (Indo) 6-2, 6-3; K Maleeva (Bul) bt B Paulus (Austria) 6-2, 7-6; K Boogert (Holl) bt A Vento (Ven) 6-4, 7-6; S Graf (Ger) bt B Bowes-Hackney (US) 6-1, 6-0; L Meskhi (Geo) bt C Wood (GB) 6-2, 2-6, 6-4; A Frazier (US) bt S Farina (It) 7-5, 2-6, 6-3; A Coetzer (SA) bt R Tedjakusuma (Indo) 6-1, 6-1; M Jackson-Nobrega (US) bt S Rottier (Holl) 6-3, 6-2; P Hy (Can) bt K Quentrec (Fr) 4-6, 7-6, 6-3; B Schultz (Holl) bt C Cristea (Romania) 6-2, 7-6; G Sabatini (Arg) bt E Reinach (SA) 6-2, 6-2; N Zvereva (Belo) bt J Kruger (SA) 6-0, 6-1; I Gorrochategui (Arg) bt J Halard (Fr) 6-0, 6-1; N Tauziat (Fr) bt J Watanabe (US) 7-5, 5-7, 7-5; M McGrath (US) bt R Simpson-Alter (Can) 6-1, 2-0, ret; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt H Kelesi (Can) 6-2, 6-0; W Probst (Ger) bt N Medvedeva (Ukr) 6-1, 6-4; M Babel (Ger) bt F Romano (It) 6-3, 6-2; Z Garrison Jackson (US) bt P Kamstra (Holl) 6-0, 4-6, 6-2; F Labat (Arg) bt E Likhovtseva (Kaz) 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; P Fendick (US) bt N Van Lottum (Fr) 6-3, 6-3; J Wiesner (Austria) bt L Neiland (Lat) 7-5, 6-0; G Helgeson (US) bt D Monami (Bel) 6-3, 6-2; N Arendt (US) bt M Oremans (Holl) 7-6, 6-2; C Rubin (US) bt A Vieira (Br) 6-3, 7-6; L McNeil (US) bt S Stafford (US) 7-6, 6-4; K Date (Japan) bt K Kschwendt (Ger) 6-2, 6-2; J Novotna (Cz) bt J Lee (US) 6-2, 6-2; L Davenport (US) bt L Harvey-Wild (US) 6-3, 6-1.

DAVIS CUP: American zone: Group three: Group A: Haiti bt El Salvador 2-1; Costa Rica bt Barbados 3-0. Group B: Bolivia bt Dominican Republic 2-1; Trinidad and Tobago bt Eastern Caribbean 2-1.

YACHTING

LONG BEACH, California: Congressional Cup match-racing regatta: Standings (after 12 of 18 flights) 1, C Law (GB) 11 wins, 1 defeat; 2, P Isler (US) 9-3; 3, Kevin Mahaney (US) 8-4; 4, R Heiner (Holl) 7-5; 5, R Davis (Aus) 7-5; 6, S Grillon (US) 4-8; 7, M Golison (US) 4-8; 8, M Pajot (Fr) 4-8; 9, N Witty (Aus) 4-8; 10, M Elias (US) 1-11.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship

Bradford 14 Leigh 24

Bradford: Tries: Fairbank, Hall, Newlove. Goal: Fox. Leigh: Tries: Hanger 2, Meadows, Pendlebury. Goals: Gunning 4.

Hull KR 10 Warrington 26

Hull KR: Tries: Barkworth, O'Brien. Goals: M Fletcher.

Leeds 10 Featherstone 36

Leeds: Tries: Fallon 2. Goal: Holroyd. Featherstone: Tries: Butt, Calland, Gibson, Gunn, Gary H Price, Ropati. Goals: Pearson 6.

Oldham 19 Hull 12

Oldham: Tries: Crompton 2, Kuib, Ranson. Goals: Topping. Dropped goal: Crompton. Hull: Tries: Dixon, Street. Goals: Hewitt 2.

Widnes 22 Wakefield 12

Widnes: Tries: Goulding, Hammond, McCurrie, Ruana. Goals: Goulding 3. Wakefield: Tries: Conway, R Goddard. Goals: Paul 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	22	18	0	4	604	401	36
Wigan	20	17	0	3	569	289	34
Warrington	23	17	0	6	470	317	34
Castleford	22	15	1	6	611	320	31
St Helens	23	13	1	9	486	407	27
Halifax	22	12	2	8	464	381	26
Sheffield	23	12	1	10	509	528	25
Leeds	23	11	1	11	452	442	23
Featherstone	23	11	1	11	487	494	23
Widnes	23	11	0	12	400	467	22
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MATROSS

(c) A soldier next in rank below the gunner in a train of artillery, who acted as a kind of assistant or mate. Adaptation of the Dutch *matroos*, a sailor, said to be a corruption of the French *matelot*. This etymology is unpersuasive. "The battery was guarded by only fifty sepoys and a few European matrosses."

PARTIZAN

(c) Or *partisan*, a military weapon used (under this name) by footmen in the 16th and 17th centuries, consisting of a long-handled spear, the blade having one or more lateral cutting projections, variously shaped, so as sometimes to pass into the gisarne and the halberd; in some of its forms used also in boar-hunting. From the medieval Latin *partesana*. Scott, *Lay of the Last Minstrel*, 1805: "On battlement and bartizan/ Gleam'd axe and spear and partizan."

BARTIZAN

(b) A battlemented parapet at the top of a castle or church, especially an over-hanging battlemented turret projecting from an angle at the top of a tower. Apparently it is a word invented by Sir Walter Scott, due to a misconception of a 17th-century illiterate Scottish spelling *bertisene* for *bratticing*. Scott, *Marmion*, 1808: "Its varying circle did combine/ Bulwark, and bartizan, and line."

FREISCHUTZ

(a) "The freeshooter", a legendary German marksman or archer in league with the Devil, who gave him seven balls (or arrows), six of which were to hit infallibly whatever the marksman aimed at, and the seventh was to be directed as the devil wished. Weber's opera, *Der Freischütz*, based on the legend (libretto by F. Kind) was first produced in Berlin in 1821.

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OPERA: A disappointing Verdi revival at Covent Garden, a dramatic Debussy in Birmingham and, below, unbeatable Berg in concert

Not bad, but not so good

Despite the efforts of a fine cast, **Rodney Milnes** is unimpressed by the Royal Opera's *Un ballo in maschera*

In the midst of so many successes in Bow Street recently, it is salutary to be reminded just how enervating "international opera" can be. The Royal Opera's revival of *Ballo* on Saturday wasn't exactly bad, but it wasn't very good either: it was just rather boring. There had been hiccups along the way, with a substitute baritone (Paolo Coni) and the loss of the producer (John Cox) owing to illness.

Whether Cox, who has done a good *Ballo* in Australia, could have made anything of the nondescript, 19-year-old Otto Schenk production remains a matter of conjecture; his replacement, the ROH staff producer Patrick Young, aimed no higher than traffic direction, which in this, of all operas, is not quite enough. Only the strange resemblance of the conspirators' identity tags to Aids-awareness ribbons brought a frisson to proceedings — a comment, maybe, on the librettists' defiantly unhistorical depiction of love life at the Swedish court.

So we are left with the musical side of this most mysterious of Verdi's mature masterpieces. What was he up to, setting Somma's and Scribe's near-farcically melodramatic treatment of an historical event — the assassination of Gustav III — that had happened within living memory? And then clothing it in music that, apart from the cornucopia of wonderful tunes, must have sounded alarmingly "modern" in 1859?

The recent discovery that among Verdi's maternal ancestors was one Francesco Uttini, composer at the Swedish court who wrote the music for Gustav's coronation, adds a nice footnote to the mystery of his descendant writing (posthumous) music for the king's death.

The conductor, Daniele Gatti, chose to emphasise the modernity of the score. He opted for extremes of tempo, either very fast and brash — which suited the surrealist Galop to which the king and his court exit to dress up as sailors, and the mock national anthem (not by Uttini) — or dangerously slow, which suited absolutely nothing. Whatever else it may be, *Ballo* is not composed by Tchaikovsky, though it sounded from the way Gatti lingered glutinously over the big string tunes as though he rather wished it were.

Even more un-Verdian was the "arty" phrasing Gatti lavished on artless melodies like the king's Barcarolle and the mocking ensemble, or the four-course meal he made of the love duet. Again, Verdi of all composers doesn't need any help: it's all there, leave the music alone and get *on* with it. A great moment like the final chorus is killed stone dead if you apply a massive *ritardando* to its climax. I trust that Gatti, whose *Puritani* at the Garden was so impressive, is not joining the ranks of the interventionist or Sinopolite conductors.

Great interest was aroused by the house debut of Nina Rautio, yet another Russian soprano hitting the West. Her voice is fabulous, richly coloured in the middle and lower registers, and with a good strong top. She has the notes and the stamina for Amelia, which all too few command today. But the earth didn't move; what is lacking — as yet, though the circumstances in which she was appearing were not propitious — is that spark of imaginative insight that turns sound into meaning. On stage, she limited herself to almost comical stock prima donna deportment.

Dennis O'Neill returned to sing Gustav. He was in mellifluous form, treating the audience to generous doses of succulently shaped soft singing, more a Neapolitan balladeer, perhaps, than a Nordic monarch, but very nice. Coni is a shade light for Anckarstroem, more a Donizetti than a Verdi baritone, and his tone can become strident and unfocused under pressure. But he managed a decent "Eri tu".

Poor Judith Howarth did what she could with Gatti's lugubrious tempos for both Oscar's numbers, and provided a strong top line to ensembles. Jane Henschel coped heroically with all three of Ulrica's registers, mezzo, contralto and quasi-baritone. A goodish evening for voices, then, but not much more.

DONALD COOPER



Dennis O'Neill and Nina Rautio in the Royal Opera's *Un ballo in maschera*: unfortunately, the earth didn't move

Return to a dream world

Pelléas et Mélisande
Hippodrome, Birmingham

Never have the words "dream" and "drama" seemed so closely related as in Welsh National Opera's award-winning production of Debussy's *Pelléas et Mélisande*. Peter Stein's staging, new to Cardiff two years ago, is the production of ears, eyes and imaginations unusually receptive to the ever-mysterious dream world inhabited by Debussy's own responses to Maeterlinck's prose-poem. Its return, to Birmingham (last performances tonight and Wednesday) and to the Paris Châtelet (where it was originally co-produced), reawoke both its insights and its strange beauty.

Part of that reawakening comes from the musical direction. Pierre Boulez, who provided the impulse behind the whole project, should have conducted once again, but ill-health compelled him to pull out of all engagements between Christmas and spring.

He brought forward the young Californian, David Robertson, a colleague at the Ensemble InterContemporain and a busy opera conductor who has already made his mark at the Edinburgh Festival. Under his baton, the purely harmonic language spoken by Debussy in this opera came to the fore and glowed warmly in all its subtle variety.

There is, if anything, just too much of sunlight for the lunar beauty of this work: as temperatures rise, the air thickens and one misses the rhythmic suppleness, the sense of levitation that a Boulez would bring. The suffocation of Arkel's castle rather than the barely incarnate air-movement of Mélisande dominates just a little too often.

Instrumental textures remain translucent, though, often wonderfully so, as when Golaud remarks that "ce château est très vieux et très sombre" and Mélisande, suddenly radiant, remembers when she first saw the sky. This Golaud and this Mélisande are exceptional performances: Donald Maxwell a creature of the raw earth, earthy; and Alison Hagley both physically and vocally a totally innocent as Arkel's perception of her. The child-like hypersensitivity of her hand movements are matched by the elusive emotional life of her voice.

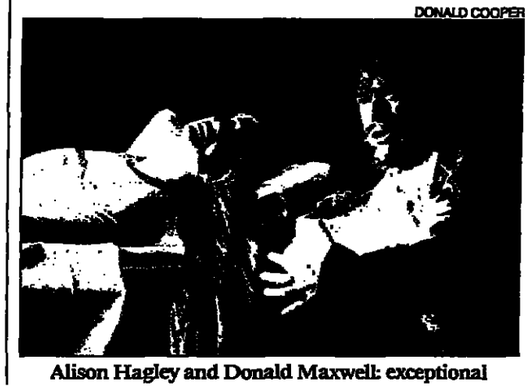
And the unfocused violence and contradictions of Golaud's inner self are set in to lacerating relief. In designer Karl Ernst Herrmann's world of shifting half-glimpses and bare doorways, their presence seems monochrome, silhouette-like. Only when the life-giving physicality of Neil Archer's sweet yet robust Pelléas is felt does real light and colour appear.

Each scene has its own curtain — and the company's long technical rehearsals have certainly paid off. Apart from an errant dove which first made for the orchestra pit and then, intelligently, the auditorium's emergency exit, every move is perfection: the twirling of the long, black verticals of doors, the long track of a shooting star, which opens into the entrance of the grotto.

With finely detailed performances such as Kenneth Cox's Arkel, Penelope Walker's Geneviève and Ryan Roberts's Yniold, this is a production worth crossing water for — were it not that the Paris performances at the end of the month are already sold out.

HILARY FINCH

DONALD COOPER



Alison Hagley and Donald Maxwell: exceptional

Brilliant theatre of the mind

Lulu / BBCSO
Festival Hall / Radio 3

AN opera-in-concert performance as good as this is dangerous. It tempts one to advocate the abolition of all opera houses, and with them all their inflated egos, superfluous "concepts", vast expenses and snobberies. On Friday night, Alban Berg's great opera of sordid lusts was played out in the theatre of the mind as effectively as it has ever been on stage.

Such is the drama of Berg's music, especially when performed as it was here by the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis's inspired direction, that one never missed the trappings of the theatre. Glyndebourne, which unveils its new production in a couple of years, will need to work hard to surpass the memory of this evening.

Not that everything was left to the imagination. Surtitles flashed a translation of Frank Wedekind's savage story above the vast orchestra. On the platform, the cast, singing from memory, offered a surprising degree of detailed acting. And at the centre of proceedings, dressed in the vampiest of black-lace outfits, the American soprano Patricia Wise demonstrated why the part of Lulu has virtually become her private property.

Lulu is a woman for whom men would die — and during the course of three acts most of them do. Turning their lust against them, she greets their deaths with the total unconcern that gives the opera its vein of black comedy. Then she meets Jack the Ripper. Uniquely impervious to her allure, he enacts revenge on behalf of all men, by knifing her and her lesbian lover.

As the man sings in the prologue, this is the human zoo at its most bestial; an opera straight out of the sewer. Set at the height of Viennese decadence, it relates just as aptly to the Nazi Germany that Berg just lived to see and fear. And in its depiction of powerful men who preach one thing and do quite another, it has not lost anything in relevance.

Wise's marvellous performance made the demanding vocal writing seem almost spontaneous, so completely had she absorbed it. There were gripping portrayals, too, from Wolfgang Schöne as Dr Schön, initially urbane but driven to destruction, Ryszard Karczykowski as the besotted Alwa, Lenus Carlson as a bullyboy Athlete, and Jane Henschel as a strikingly powerful Countess Geschwitz.

But the BBCSO was the evening's chief glory. Berg's score is a web of coded signals, many apparently going against the thrust of the story. Allusions to banal street-music accompany the most chilling moments of casual violence; and then, when Lulu meets the Ripper, the music swells disconcertingly into a beautiful flood of harmony.

This ambiguity makes the work fascinating, but also fiendishly difficult to play. The remarkable achievement here was to bring the dense orchestral texture into brilliant focus. The myriad cross-references could be heard clearly, yet never once overwhelmed the voices. Davis's conducting of early 20th-century music has matured gloriously in the past few years, but he has done nothing better than this.

RICHARD MORRISON

RECITAL: An adoring audience helps Kiri Te Kanawa celebrate her 50th birthday

A treat of sweet party pieces

If you go to a birthday party, you can hardly complain if you are given sticky, sweet confections. That is what we were offered at Dame Kiri Te Kanawa's 50th birthday celebration at the Royal Albert Hall. But they were good-quality confections, lovingly chosen and lavishly wrapped; it all slipped down a treat.

In music by Korngold and Charpentier, Te Kanawa showed that in the right repertory she can bring more than just a beautiful voice to bear. Her skilfully crafted, silky phrases were matched by sensitive accompaniments from Stephen Barlow and the London Symphony Orchestra. But then came a crassly abrupt change of tone with the Grand March from *Aida* and the equally triumphal Sanctus from Verdi's Requiem. For all the power of the LSO and their chorus, these were routine performances.

André Previn took over the baton for a couple of numbers: "Porgi amor" from *The Marriage of Figaro*, delivered with an intense, inner quality by Te Kanawa, and Strauss's song "Befreit". Next up was the tenor Dennis O'Neill, with whom she joined forces for three favourites from *Bohème* — a passable imitation of young love from both singers.

I have not always admired Te Kanawa's encounters with Broadway: the heart-tugging nuances of many a Cole Porter song, for example, seem to pass her by. So it was here with Kurt Weill's gem, "It Never Was You", whose note of poignant regret was flattened into a sentimental croon. An aptly harder edge crept into the voice for Joe McCoy's "Why Don't You Do Right?", with fine backing from Previn on piano, Dave Cliff on guitar and Dave Green on bass.

Blood-curdling war-cries then rent the air as the Waihirere Maori Group cavorted through the auditorium for a group of traditional songs from the antipodes. The first was a colourful demonstration by the ladies of the art of poi-twirling (the "poi" is a ball of compressed fibres on a flexible string). The men went more for rhythmic slapping of bare chests and thighs, with much stamping and chanting of a bellicose nature. I am not qualified to judge the finer points of Maori action songs — or poi-twirling for that matter — but I do know that it all had an arresting visceral quality quite lacking in the rendering of the Verdi numbers earlier.

Donning only her third outfit for the evening, and against the backdrop of a stunningly glitzy lightshow (staging by Anthony van Laast), Te Kanawa rounded it off with *Sunset Boulevard* and, oddly, the cod-opera number from *Citizen Kane*. Except, that is, for the half-hour of encores, tributes and balloons, and, in "Happy Birthday", the participation of an adoring audience.

BARRY MILLINGTON



Kiri Te Kanawa: more than just a beautiful voice

TELEVISION REVIEW

Tea with Hank

HOW long does it take for a sitcom to engage an audience? A couple of weeks? A series? Three series? No doubt anxious channel controllers ponder this question regularly, groaning through desk-loads of pie charts, while ratings experts chew their telephone cables waiting for the decisive moment when *Get Back* or *So Haunt Me* either achieves lift-off (at last) or sinks with a tragic gurgling scream under a weight of public apathy.

The trouble is that the debonair viewer, who holds this fate in his fickle fingers, watches the first episode of a standard British sitcom such as last night's Felicity Kendal **Honey for Tea** (BBC1) and merely shrugs, thinking "I might watch that again, but on the other hand I might jolly well not". It's a hard world. And it is seemingly full of hopeful sitcoms with very little to commend them. So what is special about this one?

Well, first, it kicks off with possibly the most dreadful credit sequence ever made for British television, in which the "back story" of Felicity Kendal's parentage, birth, childhood, marriage and widowhood are given in rapid, unravelling dumbshow. (It's well worth catching next week, if you missed it.) And, second, there is the fascination of Kendal's fake American accent, which is so hugely bogus, so strapping, bouncing and unignorable, that you half expect it to leap forward with its hand extended, saying "Howdy. I'm Hank".

The story is this. Nancy Belasco (Kendal), stony-broke widow of a "corporate hoodlum", turns up at a Cambridge college with lanky pony-tailed son Jake, demanding a job. Her dead husband endowed the college, so she figures it owes her. Lots of comic divided-by-a-common-language misunderstandings ensue about the meanings of "don" and "duke" ("Duke? That's fantastic. I love jazz"); watch out in future weeks for "purse", "trunk", "rubber" and "bathroom". She meets the mad Master of St Maud's, played with ease and brilliance by Leslie Phillips, and is then escorted around college by the uptight Simon Latimer (Nigel le Vaillant, from *Casualty*, in thankless role). By the end of the first episode she looks poised to settle. And that's that.

But Hank, what of Hank the Accent? Will Hank settle too? It's a worry, but also a source of welcome dramatic tension. My feeling is that Hank is profoundly uncomfortable, that he is unsure of his precise identity (Brooklyn, or California?) and that, like the genie of the lamp, he will start to hate and resent Ms Kendal for confining him within that tiny besuited frame of hers.

Swelling and rumbling, he will struggle inside her until, in some momentous future episode, he will simply erupt from her body, with an apocalyptic roar. I just hope there isn't too much blood and screaming. This is Sundays at 7pm we are talking about, after all.

Another brand new venture last night, **Pie in the Sky** (BBC1), got off to a much more reassuring start. Richard Griffiths's man-mountain gastronome sleuth is a naked gimmick, of course, but the script was neatly constructed ("Everyone has their price, and everyone has their dish," muses the soft-spoken Griffiths, in all innocence, to a corrupt policeman), and the steak and kidney looked so good you could smell it. And meanwhile — as an unplanned echo of *Honey for Tea* — Griffiths lumbered hugely, apparently unaware of the rather fat man inside him trying to get out. Which is a shame, because it might be Robert Maxwell.

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KATYA KABANOVA: Trevor Nunn's fine new production of Janáček's opera: a compassionate treatment of the story of a free-spirited woman trapped in a joyless marriage. The Russian soprano Elena Prokina, making her Covent Garden debut, is touching in the title role, and Eva Randová as her monstrous mother-in-law chills the marrow. Bernard Haitink's conducting sets the seal on a good evening. **Royal Opera House**, Bow Street, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911). 7.30pm.

BARBARA DENNERLEIN: In the Hammond organ field dominated by American veterans, the young German jazz player Barbara Dennerlein has developed a reputation as a formidable live performer. A funky, hard bopper, she was playing the clubs of Munich by her mid-teens. *Hot Stuff*, the title of a recent session with Andy Sheppard on tenor saxophone, sums up her appeal. **Dingwalls Jazz Factory**, Camden Lock, London NW1 (071-267 1999/916 2200), 8pm.

JESSYE NORMAN: The formidable American soprano is back in London for LSO concerts. Tonight she sings Britten's late cantata *Phaedra* and the closing scene from Strauss's opera *Capriccio*. The prices are steep — from £50 to £10 — but it is a gala performance to raise funds for the LSO's commissioning and education programmes. Sir Colin Davis conducts. **Barbican Hall**, Silk Street, London EC2 *(071-638 8891), 7.30pm.*

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: June Brown, Joe Melia in a good cast for **Awake and Sing**, Clifford Odets's strong and moving drama set in Depression-hit Bronx. Bill Alexander directs. **Repertory Theatre**, *Centenary Square* (021-236 4455). Preview tonight, 7.30pm. Opens tomorrow, then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs, 2.30pm and Sat, 3pm. Until Apr 2.

BIRMINGHAM: Just a few weeks after Clarke Peters unveiled a new show based on Nat "King" Cole's life, now comes a tribute from Cole's younger brother, **Freddy Cole**. Working his way through the voluminous Cole songbook, the Juilliard graduate and former Billy Eckstine player leads a piano-guitar-bass line-up which reproduces the suave interplay of his brother's trio. **Ronnie Scott's**, Broad Street, *Birmingham* (021-643 4525), doors open 7.30pm.

EDINBURGH: Kenny Ireland's promenade production of **Oedipus Tyrannos** brings what is perhaps the most infamous Greek tragedy to life. Ninety minutes of gripping theatre, with a fair amount of audience participation required. **Royal Lyceum**, Grindlay Street (031-229 9697), 7.45pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: All Human Life: Hulton Deutsch Collection (071-638 4141) **British Museum.** Study of Italian Old Master Drawings (071-636 1555) **Festival Hall.** The Thirties, Anxiety and Escapism (071-928 3002) .. **Hayward:** Salvador Dalí/Unbound (071-928 6800) .. **National Portrait Gallery:** Holbein and the Court of Henry VIII (071-306 0055) ... **National Gallery:** Zurbarán's Jacob and his Twelve Sons; *Claude, the Poetic Landscape* (071-839 3321) ... **Royal Academy of Arts:** Art of the Ancient World: The Unknown Modigliani (071-439 7438) .. **Tate:** Picasso; Writing on the Wall women artists (071-887 8008) .. **V & A:** Fabergé, The Golden Age 1730-1760: brass inlaid furniture (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

◪ **AND WOMEN MUST WEEP.** Four short plays by Schnitzler, set in a Viennese boarding-house, newly translated for this enterprising company. **Greenwich Studio Theatre**, Prince of Orange, Greenwich High Road, SE10 (081-858 2862). Tonight-Sun, 8pm. Performances extended to March 20.

■ **CABARET:** Jane Horrocks (Sally Bowles) and Alan Cumming, fresh from Hamlet, as the MC, dancing with death in the last days before Hitler. **Donmar Warehouse**, Earlham St, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, Sat 3pm.

☐ **CURSE OF THE WEREWOLF:** See a man change into a savage brute before your very eyes! New thriller by Ken Hill, who brought us *The Invisible Man*. **Theatre Royal**, Gerry Raffles Square, Stratford, E15 (081-534 0310). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2pm. Until Mar 19.

■ **EDDIE IZZARD:** The man is back for another solo season of comedy and sharp good sense. **Albery**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

☐ **JANE EYRE:** Alexandra Mathie and Tim Pigott-Smith do their best in Fay Weldon's puzzling version of the well-known melodrama. **Playhouse**, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat 3pm.

☐ **KIT AND THE WIDOW: JANUARY SALE:** Suave and singing, the musical satirists pass comment on the social scene with their familiar skill. **Vaudeville**, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat 6pm and 8.30pm.

■ **THE KITCHEN:** Stephen Daldry's in-the-round Wesker. The stalls are not in use; there is seating on the stage at Dress Circle level, and a kitchen on scaffolding in between, with 30 chefs rushing manically about. Terrific. **Royal Court**, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm.

◪ **THE LIFE OF GALILEO:** David Hare's new version of the Brecht. Richard Griffiths plays the worldly-wise scientist hamstrung by the Inquisition. **Almeida**, Almeida St, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. Until April 2.

OMMA: Subtitled *Oedipus and the Luck of Thebes*. Tim Supple's production, recast during rehearsals, proved somewhat inscrutable. Kenneth McLeish's script draws on many Greek sources. **Young Vic**, The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Mar 16, 2pm and Sat, 3pm. Until April 2.

THE PELICAN: Jan Waters plays the truly horrific mother who preys on her children in Strindberg's chamber play. The character has been thought to be a candid self-portrait. **The Room**, Orange Tree, Kew Road, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm. Until Apr 2.

■ **THE SKRIKER:** Caryl Churchill's latest: an ancient shape-shifter (Kathryn Hunter) bursts out of the Underworld and pursues two young girls. Strange, strong stuff. **National** (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252).

THE THREE LIVES OF LUCIE CABROL: Complicite's profoundly moving staging of John Berger's tale of an Alpine woman loving and enduring all. **Riverside Studios**, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, W6 (081-748 3354). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats some Sat. 3.30pm. Until Apr 9.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **An Absolute Turkey:** Globe (071-494 5065) .. ☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) .. ☐ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) .. ◪ **Carousel:** Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) .. ◪ **Cats.** New London (071-405 0072) .. ◪ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (071-734 8951) .. ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ■ **Grease:** Dominion (071-580 8845) ☐ **An Inspector Calls:** Aldwych (071-836 6404) ☐ **Me and Mamie O'Rourke:** Strand (071-930 8800) ... ◪ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) .. ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) .. ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ☐ **Oleanna:** Duke of York's (071-836 5122) .. ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) .. ☐ **Piaf:** Piccadilly (071-867 1118) .. ☐ **Relative Values:** Savoy (071-836 8888) .. ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) .. ☐ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119) .. ☐ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

THE JOY LUCK CLUB (15): Handsome but shallow version of Amy Tan's novel about Chinese-American families and culture. Wayne Wang directs an accomplished ensemble cast. **Curzon West End** (071-439 4805) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Hill** (071-435 3366)

◆ **MY LIFE** (12): Michael Keaton, dying of cancer, makes a video scrapbook for his future offspring. Dubious schmaltz from the writer of *Ghost*, Bruce Joel Rubin. With Nicole Kidman. **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Warner** (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **ON DEADLY GROUND** (15): Absurd, violent tale of Steven Seagal saving Alaska from a rapacious oil company. Seagal also directs. With Michael Caine and Joan Chen. **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Warner** (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

PETAIN (12): Worthy slice of history, with Jacques Dufilho as Marshal Pétain and Jean Yanne as Pierre Laval. Director, Jean Marboeuf. **MGM Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470)

CURRENT

◆ **THE AGE OF INNOCENCE** (U): Scorsese's spellbinding, heartfelt version of Edith Wharton's novel about stifled love in old New York. Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer, Winona Ryder. **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

THE BALLAD OF LITTLE JO (15): Well-heeled girl passes as a man in a gold rush mining town. Over-solemn feminist Western from director Maggie Greenwald; with Suzy Amis. **Metro** (071-437 0757)

◆ ***A BRONX TALE*** (18): Potent yarn of father, son and neighbourhood wiseguys, from Chazz Palminteri's one-man show. A strong directing debut by Robert De Niro. **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington**, to Sat only (0426-914 666) **West End** (0426-915 574)

◆ **COOL RUNNINGS** (PG): Cheerful comedy about the Jamaican bobsled team at the 1988 Winter Olympics. John Turteltaub directs John Candy, Leon and Doug E. Doug. **Electric** (071-792 2020/0328) **MGMs: Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

KAFKA (15): Steven Soderbergh's flawed but atmospheric fantasia on themes of Franz Kafka, shot in Prague; with Jeremy Irons and Theresa Russell. **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279)

◆ **THE PELICAN BRIEF** (12): Law student Julia Roberts is trailed by hired killers and the FBI. Sleek, fatuous version of John Grisham's novel. **Barbican** (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

MANHATTAN MURDER MYSTERY (PG): Woody Allen and Diane Keaton turn amateur sleuths. Benign, frivolous comedy, very much in Allen's early style, co-stars Alan Alda and Anjelica Huston. **MGMs: Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeon Mezzanine** (0426 915683)

◆ **PHILADELPHIA** (12): An Aids victim's fight for justice. Compromises galore but dynamically told. With Tom Hanks and Denzel Washington; Jonathan Demme directs. **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426-915 683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **SCHINDLER'S LIST** (15). German businessman (Liam Neeson) saves his Jewish workers from the Nazi concentration camps. Impressive, grown-up epic from Steven Spielberg co-stars Ralph Fiennes and Ben Kingsley. **Barbican** (071-638 8891) **Empire** (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

SHADOWLANDS (U). Skilful rendition of William Nicholson's play about C. S. Lewis's emotional awakening after meeting an American poet. With Anthony Hopkins and Debra Winger. Richard Attenborough directs; Peter Firth co-stars. **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

SHORT CUTS (18): Robert Altman's dazzling kaleidoscope of fractured lives in Los Angeles. The superb cast includes Andie MacDowell, Bruce Davison, Tim Robbins, Matthew Modine and Lily Tomlin. Annie Ross dominates the soundtrack. **Chelsea Cinema** (071-351 3742) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** remains unmoved by Corin Redgrave's political priest

Some spirit, no soul, less body

The Flag
Bridge Lane, SW11

The moving spirits behind Moving Theatre, the company that has just set up artistic shop at Bridge Lane, Battersea, are the seldom-seen Corin Redgrave and his more conspicuous sister, Vanessa. She will be appearing in a play called *Brecht in Hollywood* next month. Meanwhile, Corin is at the wheel, if not exactly in full control of the ship. His eyes are, so to speak, on the stars; he exudes principle, passion and lofty confidence. But has he noticed that Alex Ferguson's play is not all that well put-together and the waters through which he is steering it are not very deep?

Redgrave is John Calvin: a vicar based on the protagonist of Robert Shaw's novel, *The Flag*, and more distantly indebted to Conrad Noel, who famously crowned his church at Thaxted with a red banner. It is not a very subtle name and, as it turns out, he is not a very subtle character.

He seems to be defined by his function, which is heroically to try to awaken the parish of Eastwold, Suffolk, to its social responsibiliies and to the world's political possibilities. And that, more or less, is that.

There are other characters, other strands. Calvin's precocious daughter and unassuming son both fall in love with a young Etonian, the heretical nephew of a maverick army general. His wife (Kika Markham) mooches around the house feeling alienated from him, sex, God, the poor, and the parish.

Meanwhile, an old teacher friend of his (John McEnery) doggedly trudges through England on his way to Eastwold, with a red flag, a pregnant young woman and a couple of unemployed former soldiers in tow. This, I should add, is the mid-1920s and set in an England still woefully unfitted for heroes.

All these ingredients have dramatic possibilities, but all of them are handled sketchily and, at times, clumsily. How can Redgrave and his co-director, Gillian Hambleton, permit such pointless, peremptory jump-cuts as the one in which Calvin's daughter fends off questions about her absence with "I was perfectly all right", then dashes across the stage to do a little retroactive snogging with her boyfriend, then returns to the present with another "I was perfectly all right"?

But neither that nor the sometimes plodding dialogue are fatal flaws. Even the guying of Calvin's parish foes — the sinister coal-owner and his henchmen; the sex-mad lady organist — would not vastly matter if he himself came to life.

In and out of the pulpit, he battles prejudice and crusades for the oppressed, predictably upsetting the predictable people with his hot-gospelling for the General Strike. But compare him with the harrowed anti-hero of David Hare's *Racing Demon*, who was also coping with social injustice, a strong conscience and a gaga wife, and you quickly see how remarkably monochrome he is.

There are no humanising doubts and conflicts in Calvin, no odd, vulnerable aspects to his personality. He is meant to be inspirational, but what does he inspire? Not admiration, not excitement, not political get-up-and-go; just disbelief and, by the end, boredom.



Corin Redgrave as the priest and Kika Markham as his wife in *The Flag*

COMEDY: Opening-night verve falls flat

Classy venue, but not much laughing matter

Cosmic Comedy Club
Astro Bar, W6

"THE way we operate is astrologically inclined." The voice of Tony Weller, zodiacal, zany, interior designer of Ollie "Town & Country Club" Smith's new comedy venue on Fulham Palace Road, came to me via the mystical byways of British Telecom.

"The rising sign at 7pm on the 10th is Libra," the voice assured me with a very slight slur to it and a high-pitched croak behind the odd syllable. "Libra is ruled by Venus, goddess of love, harmony, giggles, good will and money. We also have a Neptunian base." I asked if he was joking. Apparently not. He has an in-house astrologer.

The opening night of the Cosmic Comedy Club did not leave me completely starry-eyed. Mercury, god of communication, may be in the fifth house but he messed up a bit. Half the tables had not arrived: apparently the lorry driver was A-to-Z-less. As for the comics, compere-cum-magician John Lenahan was struggling to bridge the gap with the audience by doing card tricks. The way he levitated a cigarette, though, was categorically wizard. Hattie Hayridge, in spite of flares of brilliance, was having a hard time getting laughs.

The routines could have been funnier, but part of the problem was lack of feedback, specifically of the sparky, unfriendly sort. Harry Hill generated plenty of bemused amusement rambling manically about lollipop ladies with sticky heads, Auntie Beryl, and getting the bill for the Second World War. Nick Wilty, last and best, let us in on the secret that Big Macs have sesame seeds because blind people kept choking on the boxes, and that Welsh place names are actually conundrums from *Countdown*. Wilty only flopped when he called for heckles and no one was rude enough to oblige.

The CCC, with its surprisingly classy menu (chips going on cordon bleu) and its designer (bright modern colours meet older-looking brickwork, not to mention off-kilter columns), is highly civilised compared to other, more rough-and-ready venues. I'm not sure the evolution is in the spirit of stand-up. Still, with comedy expanding into the *de rigueur* entertainment of the 1990s, Weller and Smith could have it made.

Weller sounds as if he has got his head in the clouds, if not spinning in elliptical orbit. But his posh dens in Notting Hill, the Market Bar on Portobello and Beach Blanket Babylon, with artistic allusions from Louis XIV grandeur to gangplanks and iron chains, are hot commercial properties.

If Mercury manages to spread the word, Smith, after losing the lease on his successful T&C clubs, ought to be back with a firm foothold in London.

KATE BASSETT

CONCERT: Sounds of history being made

Musical milestones for the millennium

CBSO/Rattle
Birmingham

THAT was better — a Towards the Millennium programme that was not only good history, both musical and political, but also a good concert. It was in the 1930s that Edgard Varèse completed the first Western piece of music for percussion alone, that Alban Berg wrote the one 12-note score to have gained admittance to the popular repertoire, and that a major symphony by Dmitri Shostakovich was hastily withdrawn before its scheduled first performance.

An astute politician, Shostakovich made various statements about the withdrawal of his Fourth Symphony, offering whatever explanation seemed expedient at the time. The most reliable evidence is not what he said, but what he did less than a year later in his Fifth Symphony, subtitled "A Soviet artist's reply to just criticism". It is clear from a comparison of the Fourth with a symphony designed to be acceptable according to Stalinist principles that the earlier work would have got the composer into serious trouble if the first performance had gone ahead so soon after his condemnation in *Pravda* for the "cacophony" of *Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk*. Given his international standing at the time he might just have got away with it — in which case the history of Soviet music would have been quite different — but Shostakovich was not that kind of hero.

Anyway, in a performance which confirmed just how outspoken it is in expression and just how challenging in its structural patterns and proportions, Simon Rattle and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra presented a convincing case for the acceptance of the Fourth as the most inspired of Shostakovich's symphonies. Its gently ironic ending, after a climax of repeatedly distorted harmonies, left Symphony Hall in a significant state of shocked bewilderment.

Varèse's *Ionisation*, although it sounds crude in comparison with what later composers have achieved in scoring for percussion, is still exhilarating in its radicalism. It was just the sort of sound to clear the air of acoustic preconceptions before Berg's Violin Concerto in a performance which was as faithful to the score as few others. The balance achieved by Gidon Kremer and the CBSO was the kind of thing you might expect to hear after long rehearsals for a recording, but not in the normal course of a concert season. With sensitivity like that, the soloist always ready to yield precedence to an orchestral voice of thematic or expressive significance, it is likely that other desirable qualities — beauty of line, clarity in virtuoso detail, stylistic understanding, emotional commitment — will be there too. And they were.

GERALD LARNER

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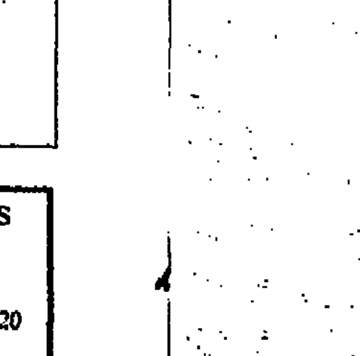
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Out of history's dustbin

Norman Stone praises a study of Russia under Lenin which supplants E.H. Carr's classic

An ancient Russian line is *narod bezmolstvuyet* — "the people are silent" — and silent they were for nearly all of their history, which was mainly done to them. One result of this, says Richard Pipes, was that they did not develop a feeling for public life, or even of national solidarity. Ivan Ivanich, in 1917, thought with envy and greed, and patriotic appeals left him cold. Therefore, when the Whites staged a nationalist revolt against the Reds, from 1918 to 1920, they could never obtain much popular support: class-hatred meant more than national defence. This is an intriguing idea, and perhaps explains why, of all the European countries, Russia was the only one to turn Bolshevik.

Churchill well understood that, if the Bolsheviks won, there would be no stable post-war settlement in Europe. However, he was nearly alone in promoting Allied intervention, and it fizzled out, as the Whites' own cause declined. Richard Pipes is very good on this subject — fair-minded (there are some excellent pages on the anti-Semitism of the Whites) but realistic, and he is right to begin this second volume in his history of the Russian Revolution, with this subject.

RUSSIA UNDER THE BOLSHEVIK REGIME, 1919-1924
By Richard Pipes
Harvill, £25

The Reds failed everywhere else in Europe; why not in Russia, too? Especially as the Whites promised to restore Great Russia. This appeal did not mean much to the Russian masses, and the Whites' conscripts deserted in droves, while the peasantry remained quite indifferent towards them. In multi-national Russia, there were other national problems. The Whites disliked the Poles and despised the Balts and Ukrainians. It was, says Pipes, the refusal of the Poles to come to the aid of the southern Whites in summer, 1919, that really condemned them to defeat. There is a lesson in this for any Russian: whatever the messiness of the nationality problem, you have got to begin by recognition of these peoples' independence. Otherwise, Russia turns once more into a slavery-state. This lesson is now more relevant than ever.

It is easy enough to write the history of the Russian Revolution in terms of the failure of the anti-Communists. The old order had been smashed by wartime defeat; the middle-classes, though powerful enough in the great cities, were generally too weak: the Church was not a politically mobilising one. So the "westernisers" were not likely to go anywhere.

More interesting is the failure of the native Russian revolutionary tradition. The Socialist Revolutionary Party took half of the votes for the assembly in January 1918, but could not resist the Bolsheviks: they just talked and quarrelled with each other. As Pipes says, they were always distinguished more by courage than by wisdom. So the Bolsheviks, with their Germanic doctrine, stepped into a near-void.

All of these things Pipes discusses with great learning and elegance. To write about the Civil War at length is very difficult, because it went on everywhere and anywhere, with innumerable actors, and I have never seen it better done. But Pipes goes beyond this, and discusses in turn all the important themes of the revolutionary years, up to the death of Lenin in January 1924. There is a grimly funny chapter on revolutionary culture: Rodchenko's multi-purpose worker's suit (it looks like Fiorucci without the flounces), the revolutionary street theatre, *Proletkult* ballet; and there are excellent accounts of church responses to the growth of atheistic terror.

In that period, the West gave a great deal of money to Moscow — part of it German, to pay for a Russo-German military alliance that anticipated the Hitler-Stalin pact; part of it American, by semi-corrupt deals through men like the young Armand Hammer; and part of it for charitable purposes, to save Russia from famine. In that sense, the West saved the Bolsheviks, an episode for which "contradictions of capitalism" is a good description.

Pipes is again right to devote a chapter to the great famine of 1921, when, as a consequence of Bolsheviks seizing the seed-grain in a year of drought, five million people died. E.H. Carr, in his three-volume account of the revolution, characteristically gave this disaster a paragraph.

Not to dwell upon the non-Bolshevik side was one of the great weaknesses of Carr's once-classic account of the Russian Revolution. He did after all say that no historian of cricket would waste his time writing about batsmen who made ducks, and that attitude made his own account not only tortuous but inadequate. He wrote instead, almost incomprehensibly, about manoeuvres among the Bolsheviks. It is a wonderful irony that their successors made the classic historical duck, and so does Carr himself, because Pipes replaces him in these matters quite easily. As a further irony, this paladin of Cold War scholarship, so often denounced by Carr, has even been given the run of Lenin's papers, and much else.

We can therefore tell the inside story of the crushing of the Kronstadt sailors' revolt in March 1921, or the peasant rebellions on the Volga, or the Bolsheviks' decision to restore something of a market while clamping down hard upon opposition, even within their own party. Pipes is of course out of sympathy with them, and he is memorably rude about Lenin's mummification at a time when saints' relics were being derided and destroyed. However, he has held his nose, and concentrated on the Bolsheviks' doings. In Carr's pages, it all came across as sterile patristics. With Pipes, you can follow very easily what is going on.

He has several digressions: the most interesting on the relationship of Communism and Fascism. In the end they were the same thing: it was touch and go whether Mussolini stayed on the extreme Left, and Lenin's attitude to most things was Fascist. It is another irony that his brain should have been preserved, in little slices, with a view to race-improving genetic experiments (that side of Bolshevism which Bulgakov satirised in *Heart of a Dog*). Throughout the inter-war period, German and Russian scientists collaborated merrily on eugenic matters, and Vladimir Ilyich, a creature mainly of formaldehyde, slumbers in Red Square to this day. As Pipes says, in everything he anticipated Stalin, and at the end of his life, he understood what he had done. If he survives at all in Red Square, it might just be because Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the Russian Fascist, is next door, in the Kremlin.



Nicholas II at Tsarskoye Selo, March 1918; in July, he and his family were killed. From *The Romanovs* (Leppi, £50)

She had to create herself

Lucasta Miller

CHARLOTTE BRONTË
A Passionate Life
By Lyndall Gordon
Chatto & Windus, £15.99

Charlotte Brontë died in 1855. By the 1860s, tourists had begun making their way to Haworth and writing home on souvenir stationery. The Brontë industry, often mistakenly seen as a modern phenomenon, had arrived.

The book which brought the pilgrims to the shrine was not *Jane Eyre* or *Wuthering Heights*, but Elizabeth Gaskell's *Life of Charlotte Brontë*. Since Mrs Gaskell, the Brontës' lives have attracted as much curiosity and admiration as their works. Their hold over our collective fantasy has been enduring; like a fairy tale passed from one generation to the next, the story has always found new tellers.

Lyndall Gordon's *Charlotte Brontë* is the latest variation on the old theme, yet it successfully manages to distinguish itself from its predecessors. She approaches her subject with the imagination of a true critic rather than the fact-fetishism of the archivist. Her aim is to give meaning to the evidence by shaping it into a cohesive psychological portrait.



Charlotte, 1849: not a victim

The originality of her interpretation lies in its emphasis on Charlotte Brontë's strength of personality. She has tended to be cast in the role of victim. Mrs Gaskell and her 19th-century imitators were anxious to absolve her from the accusations of impropriety which had greeted *Jane Eyre*: a Charlotte who dutifully submitted to misery would gain forgiveness. She became a secular saint, "made perfect," in Charles Kingsley's approving phrase, "by suffering".

After the First World War, Charlotte was reinterpreted — but she remained a victim. Freudian psychobiographers saw her "heroic" self-denial as masochistic weakness and diagnosed unhealthy symptoms of repression. Even her death was read as neurotically self-willed, a hypothesis which Gordon rightly rejects. Attitudes towards Charlotte changed with feminism, but she was still doomed, this time by patriarchal oppression.

Though Gordon is sensitive to the social restrictions imposed on the Victorian woman, the image of Charlotte she projects is that of a survivor whose extraordinary inner resources enabled her to transcend these crushing limitations. The tragic landmarks in her life — most strikingly, the early deaths in her family and her own death nine months after she married — are balanced with the recognition that hers was a success story: "It is easy to see this life as a series of losses . . . yet loss does not explain the central fact of Charlotte Brontë's existence: her capacity to use her experience as the material of art."

One of the most disputed areas of Brontë biography is Charlotte's feelings for her Belgian teacher, Constantin Heger. This has focused, since their discovery in 1913, on her surviving letters to him. The meaning of the letters will always be a matter of interpretation. They have been read as the love-sick effusions of a romantic; as the expression of an oedipal father-fixation; as the affectionate testimony of a grateful pupil. In keeping with her perception of Charlotte's character as a whole, Gordon stresses the creative consequences of her ultimate rejection by Heger: he had been a spur to her literary ambition, and Brussels had provided the inspiration for *Villette*.

Gordon's reading of that work is emblematic of the way she views her subject. *Villette*, she concedes, does to some extent explore the "disabling conditions" affecting women in society which, she says, explains its appeal for 20th-century feminists. But it also asserts that "a woman must create herself", and it is here that it "speaks to generations yet to come". In many ways, Gordon seems to offer a post-feminist perspective, by concentrating less on women's oppression than on their capacity for creative fulfilment.

By focusing on Charlotte's energy and tenacity, and by showing us her much-ignored sense of humour, Gordon has broken with the gloomy legacy of Mrs Gaskell. Suffering alone cannot account for Charlotte's literary achievements. Highlighting those aspects of her personality which grated on the Victorian sensibility but which appeal to ours, Gordon has created a portrait through which Charlotte Brontë can speak directly to the 1990s.

Lucasta Miller is writing a book, The Brontë Myth.

Echoes of a master's voice

LIKE the Albert Memorial, Arthur C. Clarke is a much-loved institution from another age. And, like the memorial, SF's revered superstar occasionally needs scaffolding — the collaboration of Rama-series co-author Gentry Lee. **Rama Revealed** *(Gollancz, £15.99)* is their latest endeavour but, although Clarke is still remembered as a prime mover of massive ideas and universe-spanning vision, this is not so much revelation as repetition.

Bits of past Rama jigsaws have to be rammed in place as we follow the adventures of the elderly Nicole, matriarch of an interminably extended family, in the planet-sized spaceship which has become an unwieldy metaphor for Earth undergoing similar socio-political changes. The book eventually centres upon her battle with an affirming death during which we learn of life's source, while she is on the run from the tyrant who has taken over Rama.

The Swiss Family Robinson cuteness of Nicole's clan encountering octospiders and other bits of organic engineering becomes wearingly tedious, with plodding dialogue and a driftingly episodic narrative which rarely winds up tension. It is only in the Wagnerian intensity of the finale that the hand of Clarke can be distinctly felt.

The man who could work SF miracles has always lunged for divine clarification at the end. And that culmination tells us of what Arthur C. Clarke is still capable: the sense of mystery and awe, not the laborious assembly of hardware.

Clarke, like the Albert Memorial, may remind us by his style of an antique missile-launcher, but he's still able to ignite the most extraordinary blast-offs — once he dislodges and breaks free from the scaffolding.

LUCIUS Shepard stands alone with **The Ends of the Earth** *(Millennium, £15.99)*, a collection of stories which traverse the darkside where science fiction becomes horror. As the hottest ticket in this genre, currently writing in America, it is hard to rate just what his attraction is, apart from a momentum which hurtles you along irregardless. Sexual disillusionment or a morbidity I haven't encountered since Edgar Allan Poe? Either way he grounds SF to an all-too transitory flesh like no other.

JOHN Brosnan, by contrast, has a slam-bang style which is joyously identifiable in **The Opoponax Invasion** *(Gollancz, £8.99 pbk original)*. And in Joster Rack, an electronic thief, he has a hero admirably in synch with his technique which seems to have its tongue in its cheek half the time. Joster Rack is not only on the run from aliens, but the taxman, in a wired-up world in which everyone is imprinted with their own personal circuitry. To be read at a gulp.

ON THE other hand Stephen Baxter's **Flux** *(HarperCollins, £15.99)* has ideas which should be chewed and chomped over, so mentally sustaining are they in this chronicle of the feuds and passions of a race of submicroscopic humans created to work within the shadow of The Star. It is the search for their origins by Earth-born humans which mounts a concept to put Stephen Baxter in the top league of world-spinners.

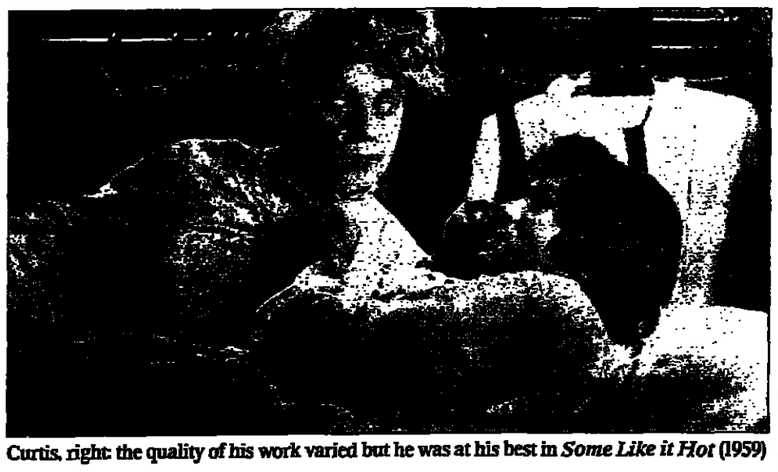
WHENEVER Phil Janes wants to draw our attention to something he shouts at us in capital letters, "LOOK THIS ISN'T A BOOK YOU RAVING NUTTER." **Fission Impossible** *(Millennium, £14.99/£8.99 pbk)* is no laughing matter but it is wonderfully unexpected. Vividly hallucinatory, its story of the workhouse girl Jane, who steals the vast metallic flying dragon made in the factory attached to the institution where she is brought up, is a strange mix of SF fable and fanciful escapism. A Grimm fairy tale indeed that has the delights of fascination and wonder to recommend it.

TOM HUTCHINSON

Riding the roller-coaster

Walter Ellis

TONY CURTIS
The Autobiography
By Tony Curtis and Barry Paris
Heinemann, £16.99



Curtis, right: the quality of his work varied but he was at his best in *Some Like it Hot* (1959)

Tony Curtis is the king of Hollywood's nearly men — an essentially B-movie actor who through sheer exuberance and "Latin" good looks made it onto the A team and remained there for more than 30 years. He is lively, entertaining and generous and, like so many stars of his vintage, a gifted raconteur.

But he is also lucky. Over the years since making his first screen appearance, in 1949, Curtis has acted in more than a hundred films and played several memorable roles, most notably Sidney Falco in *The Sweet Smell of Success* and Joe/Josephine in the cross-dressing comedy, *Some Like it Hot*. Yet most of his output is lightweight, forgettable and forgotten, while his life and career, abundantly endowed with women and wealth, very nearly ended up in the gutter through cocaine and booze.

In his autobiography he does not so much reflect on his past as narrate it, blow for blow. The style is racy and immediate as he works his audience for sympathy and laughs with a conceit that is so up-front it is disarming.

And what a life! From his early days in the New York slums when, as a Jew called Bernie Schwarz, he would sling old condoms filled with urine at Nazi supporters in the German quarter, to his days in the US Navy, not quite fighting in the Pacific War but winding up a witness to the Japanese surrender, he played the role of Tony Curtis, movie star in waiting.

His childhood was textbook immigrant. Manuel Schwarz, his father, was an apprentice tailor who made it to New York in 1921, where he met Helen, a Hungarian Jewess and married her. Manuel was handsome and hard-working, with ambitions to be a performer. But it was not to be. The arrival of the Depression meant it was as much as he could do to keep his family housed and fed.

When he joined the Navy in 1943, Bernie was still a virgin, bursting, almost literally, for relief. "A lot of my early sexual experiences happened inside my trousers," he recalls. But as soon as he moved to Hollywood, changed his name and landed his early bit roles, the women started flocking to him. Few were turned away. He was given fencing lessons, dancing lessons, riding lessons and elocution lessons by Universal, and he in his turn gave kissing lessons to the girls.

By now, Curtis's life was on a roller-coaster. He began to star with actors of real talent, like Marlon Brando, Burt Lancaster and Sidney Poitier, and some of the work he did amid the dross was of a high standard, particularly in *The Defiant Ones* (1958) in which he played an escaped convict opposite Poitier and insisted, pre-civil rights, that the black actor share top billing.

Along the way, there were wives and mistresses and children (including Jamie Lee Curtis) and the kind of hell-raising more usually associated with the Sinatra ratpack. The man loves himself and he loves life, and he doesn't mind people knowing that he has laid more women, drunk more whisky and won more applause that any other kid on the block.

He knows that, with his background, he could have had things a great deal worse and, just possibly, he thinks that the fun he has had, like the Oscar he never won, was really for all the other people who should have been up there with him but couldn't make it in this particular life. For that alone, Curtis is an original.

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EDUCATION

Ben Preston reports on the difficulties facing a Government set on eliminating surplus places in Britain's schools

No place for faint hearts in this squeeze

Successive education secretaries have made the ritual quest to remove surplus school places look more like the hunt for the crock of gold — brave words and bold ambitions floundering as hopes evaporate. Eventually, they have bowed to defeat, victims of the iron law of education politics: nothing rouses parents like a proposal to close their child's school; nothing saps the energy of policy makers more than the arcane, thankless bureaucracy required.

The barrier facing politicians seeking to close schools was famously described by F.G. Rickard, Lincolnshire's county education officer, in 1984. There were only two events that would fill the Empire Ballroom in Skegness, he said — a Miss World contest and a meeting to discuss secondary school closures.

A decade later, local impresarios could be forgiven for rubbing their hands in anticipation of a revival in hall bookings. Few education secretaries have embarked on the trail for surplus places with the gusto of John Patten. Clutching an Audit Commission report saying there are 1.3 million spare places in England's 4,000 secondary and 18,000 primary schools, he announced last March the elimination of between 750,000 and 900,000 surplus places within three to four years. The prize of annual savings of up to £320 million was glittering enough for Mr Patten to boast that he was prepared to withstand unpopularity. After all, he explained, the huge savings would transform education by helping struggling schools to revive and expanding popular ones.

The targets appear too big to miss, according to government figures. In some authorities, more than a quarter of school places are empty. In Hammersmith, west London, 41 per cent of desks in secondary schools and 29 per cent in primary schools are surplus to requirements. Wandsworth, in south London, has more than a third of all places vacant.

Mr Patten took the sensible precaution of arming himself with new powers before embarking on his mission. The Education Act 1993 will from next month require local education authorities to provide an annual update on spare places and allow Mr Patten to require authorities to bring forward proposals to shed the surplus. The new Funding Agency for Schools, sharing power with councillors in about 45 areas where many schools have opted out, provides another weapon.

Yet, already, political realities are threatening Mr Patten's jaunty optimism. A newspaper report eight days ago, that the closure of 1,000 schools was planned amid Treasury pressure for economies, caused confusion. Mr Patten rejected it as "bunkum and balderdash", anxious to avoid any backlash in the run-up to local elections in May. Officials junked earlier promises overboard. Fewer than a hundred schools faced closure, said a spokesman: "It's nothing like 1,000. That would be a huge number. It will be in the tens."

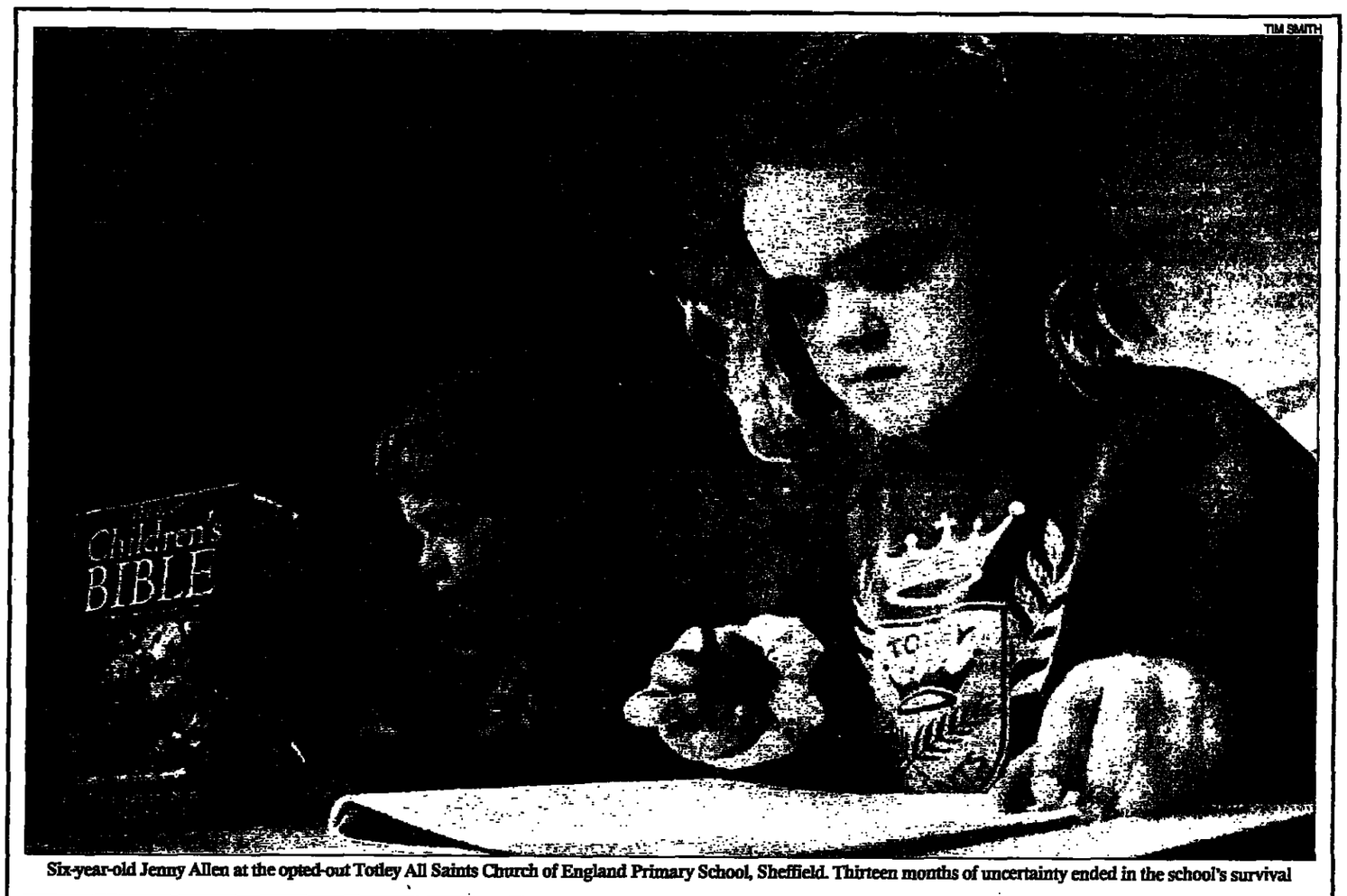
After four days of silence, Mr Patten emerged with new, reduced targets. He now says local authorities are wasting about £200 million a year on between 600,000 and 700,000 places that could be removed without limiting parental choice. The emphasis is firmly on squeezing spare places out of the system through amalgamations and disposal of school buildings, as well as through closures.

For Mr Patten, the real problems lie ahead. The Conservative vision of an education marketplace, where schools wax and wane according to their popularity, relies on substantial excess capacity in the system to guarantee parents real choice. Similarly, the party's support for opting out, small rural schools, single-sex schools and schools with traditional sixth-forms threatens to conflict with a drive to reduce excess capacity. Is Mr Patten really prepared to close village primaries or force through the amalgamation of girls' secondaries with neighbouring comprehensives?

Stephen Byers, Labour MP for Wallsend and former chairman of the Council of Local Education Authorities, blames the present scale of surplus places on ministers allowing schools to switch to grant-maintained status as a means of escaping local reorganisation plans. One measure of Mr Patten's determination to rationalise places will be whether he sticks by a recent pledge to stop schools facing closure using grant-maintained status as a lifeline — even though this flagship policy appears to be running out of steam.

The scale of the task Mr Patten has set himself is underlined by the limited impact of his initiative so far. The Education Department has agreed to fund the removal of just 43,000 places next year.

TIM SMITH



Six-year-old Jenny Allen at the opted-out Totley All Saints Church of England Primary School, Sheffield. Thirteen months of uncertainty ended in the school's survival

ESCAPE ROUTE: WAY TO STAVE OFF CLOSURE

LABOUR-CONTROLLED Sheffield appeared to be doing just what the Government wanted when it announced plans to close 16 schools, removing 6,000 surplus places, early last year. The city has been one of Mr Patten's favourite targets in his campaign against waste and inefficiency.

Sheffield disputes the department's estimate that it has almost 18,000 surplus places. Officials put the true figure at less than half that. But the city's financial position forced councillors to confront the problem again.

The original plans, put forward after 18 months of consultation, listed four secondary schools and 12 primaries for closure. By the time the reorganisation proposals had been finalised last summer, appeals from local community groups had brought the total down to a dozen.

No sooner had the scheme been submitted to Mr Patten than nine of the targeted schools voted to opt out. The whole process was delayed while the schools' applications were considered.

When Mr Patten's decisions were announced last month, six of the applications were rejected, but three primary schools were allowed to opt out and survive. Assuming that the rest of the reorganisation is approved, the eventual number of places removed will be about 4,500.

Mr Patten's verdict brought an end to an agonising 13 months for Totley All Saints Church of England Primary School. Perhaps seeing the closure proposal coming, the governors had already begun the process of opting out before the reorganisation scheme was published. The ballot in which 96 per cent of parents favoured grant-maintained status was the most one-sided since opting out began.

Joan Stratford, the head teacher, said: "It is sad that the issue had to become party political. Our numbers have almost doubled in the nine years I have been here and there is no other church-aided school in this part of the city."

But Viv Nicholson, who chairs Sheffield's education committee, accuses Mr. Patten of trying to breathe new life into a flagging policy in allowing the three schools to opt out. "The Secretary of State will soon be telling us again that we have too many places and need to close some more schools. Yet when the LEA, with its local knowledge, moves to meet his requirements, this is what happens."

The authority insists that there are no other possible candidates for closure. The reorganisation will leave some 2,000 surplus places in small pockets throughout the city, and a rising school population will produce a shortage at secondary level in less than a decade.

JOHN O'LEARY

The boot for curriculum spoilsports

Britain's former tennis number one **Buster Mottram** argues against compulsory school sports to 16

The proposal that competitive games should be enforced in the national curriculum is no more than a political knee-jerk reaction within the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority.

The SCAA is irritated by the Heritage Department's intrusion into its affairs at a time when it is in the process of reviewing the prescriptive element of the curriculum. This is an unwelcome diversion for the SCAA. To put it in a more personal context, this has become a case of Sproat vs Patten.

The merits or otherwise of compulsory school sport up to the age of 16 require careful consideration. At the moment, it has become part of the agenda for the wrong reasons. Iain Sproat, the sports minister, has a difficult brief: he needs to conjure up explanations for our sporting decline. Politically, he has to be seen to be responding to public dissatisfaction with the performance in our national games — football and cricket — even if that means treading on the toes of the educationists.

Politicians are the first to claim success for sporting achievement, as Harold Wilson did when we won the World Cup in 1966, and are quick to dissociate themselves from failure by apportioning the responsibilities and directing the blame at others. School sport (or the lack of it) is an easy target.

When politics are taken out of the argument the issues can be discussed sensibly. The SCAA points out that 90 per cent of the 20,000-plus schools in the state sector already engage in some form of competitive games within physical education. It argues that an extension to 16 would not involve any extra cost or drain on resources, and as the facilities are in place it is a logical step. Protecting the status of PE in law would prevent it from becoming a political football, as it has been in the past, when some schools and education authorities have excluded competitive sport from the syllabus on the ground that the losers could become traumatised and scarred psychologically.

This aesthetic approach to education harmed pupils by leaving them unprepared for the competitive world at large. The SCAA says enshrining the position of PE in law would prevent any further opportunity to play politics and experiment with social theories on the playing field.

But is the SCAA, in underlining the position of team sports within PE, merely promoting its own kind of social agenda and value structure: one of team leadership, camaraderie and collective responsibility, which sits uneasily with the individualism of contemporary society?

NEWS TEAM



Good teenage sports: but is it fair to blame schools for our national sporting failures?



Buster Mottram in 1982

While it may appear that the motivation for reform is commendable, the logistics of changing the status quo would create problems which have not at the moment been addressed. It is all very well to legislate, but if the legislation is unenforceable, the position becomes absurd.

How effective would the proposed monitoring of sport in schools by the Office for Standards in Education be, when it is intended that there will be inspections only every four years, and when sport is just a minor cog in an overall review of the school? In practice, I suspect there will be little or no enforcement at all.

How will the proposed incorporation of obligatory games within the national curriculum stem truancy from school sport? No amount of coaxing or cajolery will induce some pupils to take part. Truancy in sport is one of the great immutables to which schools turn a blind eye. And who can blame them, when parents are prepared to issue sickness notes at the drop of a hat? Aren't children these days capable of making their own choices, when they are inundated with advertising and material emphasising good health and the dangers of neglecting it? It doesn't require the nanny-state to make the decisions for them.

The suggestion that games should become compulsory for 14 to 16-year-olds is ill-conceived. Its only merit is that the issue of team sport is temporarily taken out of the political arena. But that of course can be reversed in the future. This proposal, like so many other hastily concocted ideas of the SCAA, should be abandoned.

THE TIMES is among the sponsors of a special Schools Prom in memory of the 12 children and their teacher from Hagley School, in Hereford and Worcester, who died last November in the M40 minibus crash. The proceeds from the concert, on April 22 at the Royal Albert Hall, London, will go towards a new school music centre and sports hall as a lasting tribute to the victims.



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'Dainty' engineers fight stereotyping

Engineering bodies are working in schools to boost the female intake



Karen Bishop's discrimination victory is a step forward

Last week's success for Karen Bishop, the 17-year-old awarded £24,000 by an industrial tribunal after being refused an apprenticeship because she was "too dainty", will have done little to reassure girls considering a career in the male-dominated world of engineering.

Miss Bishop, an aspiring mechanic who is now taking motor vehicle studies at Guildford College, was turned down twice in favour of boys. But she says she is now more determined than ever to pursue her chosen career.

The Women's Engineering Society says that most girls have never come into contact with an engineer, let alone a female one, and are not really sure what an engineer does. The few who consider it a suitable career for a woman are often persuaded into "softer" options by their friends and parents.

The Engineering Council, keen to increase the number of women engineers, has been running its Women Into Science and Engineering (WISE) campaign since 1984. Six WISE mobile teaching and exhibition centres, sponsored by a number of companies, tour secondary schools to provide practical experience of technology and help girls to develop greater confidence.

Last month the council organised a three-day exhibition at the Priory School in Orpington, Kent, as part of another national scheme to promote engineering in schools. Companies, universities and the armed forces put on a series of lectures and displays for 2,500 pupils from the Priory and other schools.

Unlike many women, Tanya Wiltshire needed no persuading into engineering. Now 22 and an avionics engineer, she wanted to be an engineer from the age of 12.

On leaving her all-girls private school at 16 with nine GCSEs, she joined Westland Helicopters on a mechanical engineering apprenticeship, and took her Higher National Certificate in mechanical engineering on day release at Yeovil College. She has been both technician and apprentice of the year.

Not all engineering students, however, end up in engineering. Karen Clarke, a graduate of Trinity College, Oxford, studied material sciences and metallurgy but joined ICI as a product manager. She thinks women should consider engineering courses, despite her initial difficulties: "I was the only girl in a group of 16, and that was quite hard to deal with. At first it made me feel that I was not as good as them, but in the end I finished up fifth in my year."

Jill Platt, head of the Priory School since it was formed three years ago with the amalgamation of two single-sex schools, says: "There is still a deep-rooted misunderstanding of engineering by both boys and girls. The boys and girls came with different approaches and a different ethos. The perception is that girls aren't good in maths, science and engineering. I would hope that we have conquered some of this.

"It helps a little bit if the head is a woman who happens to be a mathematician," she adds with a smile.

DAVID TYTLER

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1,728.70	Warburg SG	793	-31	...	3.1	11.6
5,020.40	Wells Fargo	9052½	-150	...	3.0	...
4,190.20	Westpac	239	+14	...	2.3	∞
31.00	Wintrust	365 †	-3	...	3.3	32.6

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5,467.40	Allied-Lyons	619	-12	...	4.3	17.1
4,494.40	Bass	516	-17	...	4.8	13.7
342.50	Boddington	284	...	...	3.6	14.2
236.80	Bulmer (HP)	451	-3	...	2.9	18.1
35.60	Burtonwd Brw	171	...	4.7	3.5	14.3
31.10	Eldridge P 'A'▲	160	+1	...	2.8	22.2
1,811.70	Fosters Brewing	59½	-2½	...	5.2	66.1
93.00	Fully Sm 'A'▲	458	-13	7.5	2.1	19.2
9,880.00	Grand Met	475 †	-15	...	3.4	20.6
902.60	Greenalls Grp	432½	-15½	...	3.6	14.9
214.90	Greene King	508	-26	...	3.1	14.2
10,080.10	Guinness	501	-22	...	3.0	18.7
63.50	Hardy Hansn	254	+2	...	4.2	13.6
3.79	Heavitree▲	160	+10	3.6	2.8	∞
539.30	Highland Distl	426	+6	...	1.9	21.2
94.50	Holt J	3150	-13	42.0	1.7	20.5
170.10	Macallan-Glen	146	+1	4.3	3.8	32.8
60.50	Mardn Marto 'A'	445	...	...	2.5	21.2
128.60	Mansfield	281	-6	...	2.5	14.4
249.50	Mrston Thmp	280	-18	...	2.5	15.6
128.40	Matthew Clark	563 †	+8	...	4.0	32.3
18.30	Mrrydwn W	151	-4	7.0	5.8	13.5
106.00	Morland	493	-17	...	2.5	16.9
4.90	Paramount▲	9½	-¼	...	1.9	17.6
37.20	Regent Inns	253	-3	...	2.0	25.5
7,254.00	SA Breweries	1340½	+115½	...	2.0	22.2
2,809.00	Scot & New	529	-29½	...	4.0	16.2
166.10	Taunton Cider	152	-9	6.2	5.1	11.9
396.30	Vaux Group	284½	+9½	...	4.2	18.3
132.80	Wetherspoon JD	369 †	+1¼	...	2.0	28.5
2,855.30	Whitbread	547	-15	...	4.1	13.1
336.10	Wolvrhmptn D	507	-12	...	3.1	14.2
15.00	Young 'A'	517	...	14.7	3.6	21.4

BUILDING, ROADS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
71.70	Abbey	185	...	...	1.4	30.4
17.30	Albrighton▲	24	...	...	0.5	...
51.20	Allen▲	192	...	...	3.3	43.5
311.40	Amec	154	+2	3.0	2.4	28.5
127.20	Ashtead▲	424 †	-1	...	1.4	28.3
418.40	Attwoods	148	-14	...	4.2	...
1,637.40	BPB Ind	329	-17	...	2.9	39.4
43.70	Baggeridge Brk	110	-14	...	3.6	33.1
3.92	Bailey (Benj) Con	37½	+½	0.6	2.0	...
15.10	Barcom	81	-2	...	4.6	9.7
293.40	Bardon	53	-1	2.0	4.7	26.1
463.90	Barratt Devs	256	-9	...	2.0	27.5
297.70	Bellway	284	-10	...	2.8	24.8
23.20	Bellwinch	53	...	...	...	...
346.40	Beristord Intl	232 †	+3	...	...	...
407.90	Berkeley Gp	529	-10	...	1.5	28.5
23.70	Bett Bros	158	+2	...	1.6	20.4
18.40	Blockleys	74	-4	1.0	1.7	...
2,422.00	Blue Circle	350	+2	...	4.0	...
86.80	Boot (Henry)	334	-8	6.0	2.2	18.7
29.00	Breedon PLC	102	-2	4.6	5.6	25.1
24.90	Br Dredging	142	-4	5.2	4.6	31.5
22.20	Brit Fittings	93	...	1.7	2.4	...
491.60	Bryant	178 †	-2	...	3.4	27.1
50.70	CALA	143	...	...	2.0	...
1,408.80	CRH	401	+18	...	2.3	∞
2.52	Cakebread Rby	48	-7	...	...	...
172.20	Costain	33½	-3½	...	...	...
133.50	Countryside	175 †	...	...	2.9	∞
110.20	Crest Nicholson	111 †	...	...	1.1	...
22.80	Cussins	128	+4	3.0	3.0	∞
10.40	Edmond Hldgs	20½	...	0.3	1.8	...
66.00	Epwin	330	+13	...	2.9	21.4
33.60	Erith	71	-2	0.3	0.6	...
44.10	Eve Group▲	460 †	+2	...	2.8	17.4
16.80	Freeman Gp▲	231 †	+6	6.0	3.2	∞
48.00	Galliford	54	-1	...	2.3	...
1.77	Gibbs & Dandy	102	+9	2.5	3.1	∞
102.80	Gleeson (MJ)	1018	-7	...	1.6	17.2
384.60	Hewden-Stuart	155	-4½	...	2.2	33.2
4.74	Hewetson	51 †	...	...	3.1	37.7
402.10	Heywd Wlm	430	-5	13.0	4.0	...
57.40	Higgs & Hill	130	+3	2.5	2.4	...
12.10	How Gp	20	...	...	4.8	...
6.66	Howard Hldgs	26	...	0.5	2.4	...
227.80	Ibstock Johnsen	91	-1	1.0	1.4	...
15.90	Jarvis	23½	...	...	...	...
170.10	Laing (J)	391	-12	9.0	2.9	15.6
59.60	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	148½	-1	...	5.4	...
12.70	Ln Clydeside▲	140	-2	...	4.3	27.5
55.10	Lovell (YJ)	138	-5	...	...	...
135.80	Manders	362	-1	10.0	3.5	∞
554.80	Marley	194	+9	4.2	2.7	56.9
167.80	Marshalls	138 †	...	...	3.6	...
62.20	Maunders (J)	251	...	...	2.6	24.2
172.90	McAlpine (A)	306 †	-10	...	2.7	40.3
50.50	McCarthy & S	72	...	0.5	0.9	...
647.10	Meyer Int	516	-14	...	2.4	51.7
187.70	Mowlem (J)	172	-16	4.0	2.9	...
38.90	NSM	227	+14	...	...	...
7.70	Needler ▲	41	...	...	4.4	19.1
204.20	Newman Tnks	169	...	...	5.0	22.6
331.90	Persimmon	337	-10	8.6	3.2	34.4
5.91	Phoenix Timber	17	...	...	...	...
18.70	Pochins	1800	+9½	29.0	2.0	25.7
141.10	Prowting	182	-1	3.4	2.3	...
1,899.20	RMC Gp	999	-4	...	2.6	36.0
178.60	Raine Ind	95	-4½	...	2.7	20.4
7.92	Ramus▲	33	-2	...	...	...
2,838.00	Redland	550	-25	25.0	5.7	32.0
12.80	Roskel	85	+10	4.3	6.3	12.5
949.30	Rugby Group	324	+2	6.4	2.5	24.8
8.77	Swfid-Rve▲	56	...	...	0.6	...
34.10	Sharpe & Fisher	165	-4	...	3.0	28.7
197.50	Sheffield Insl	262	+13	5.4	2.6	∞
26.60	Sherill Hldgs▲	293	...	...	1.9	24.1
3.42	Shorco▲	110	...	5.2	5.9	25.0
22.40	Smart (J)	222	-18	...	4.8	16.7
14.30	Starmin	4½	-¼	...	...	...
1,763.10	Tarmac	192	-8	5.5	3.6	...
74.50	Tay Homes	253	-2	...	2.9	31.5
681.30	Taylor Woodrw	163	-9	1.0	0.8	...
249.40	Tilbury Dougls	738	-2	33.0	5.6	24.0
5.31	Torex Hire▲	52 †	-2	...	1.4	...
383.60	Travis Perkins	348	+20	8.0	2.9	60.9
20.00	Trencherwood	34	+1	...	...	...
14.30	Try Group	33	...	1.0	3.8	9.3
2.51	Tudor▲	23	...	0.2	1.4	...
46.70	Vibroplant	101½	-3½	2.5	3.1	36.5
35.20	Ward Hldgs	67	+1	...	...	...
1.07	Waterhouse	43	...	...	...	...
103.60	Watts Blake	498	+7	...	3.0	21.5
139.00	Westbury	209	-5	5.0	3.0	32.6
25.70	Wiggins	5½	-¼	...	...	...
508.30	Wilson Bowdn	546	-6	...	2.0	38.4
420.70	Wilson (C)	222	-10	3.9	2.2	38.5
793.30	Wimpey G	220	-5	...	3.0	...
3.70	YRM	28	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
978.90	ADT	705	+29	...	...	∞
18.40	Adam & Harvey	430	+2	13.0	3.8	7.9
5.94	Air London▲	67	...	3.5	6.5	12.0
3.99	African Lakes	61	...	2.0	4.1	...
140.50	Auto Sec	120	-7	...	6.4	21.5
1,200.40	BET Ord	128½	-5	...	2.2	5.2
30.10	BNB Res	142	...	4.9	4.3	...
64.40	BPP	245	-6	8.3	4.2	13.5
50.20	BSM	180	-3	...	4.0	15.8
35.90	Barbour Index	216 †	-3	8.1	4.7	14.7
6.09	Black & Edge▲	1½	...	...	...	...
13.80	Boustead	21	...	0.7	4.2	...
48.60	Brit Data Mgt	202	-12	4.9	3.1	14.5
4.46	Broadcastle▲	28	...	...	1.1	22.7
8.31	Brooks Service	69	...	...	0.9	...
63.20	CRT Gp	119 †	+2	...	3.0	21.5
101.00	Capita Group	213	+6	2.5	1.5	∞
51.10	Casket Plc	54½	-¼	...	2.1	20.9
21.00	Chiltern Capital	22½	+1¼	...	...	...
19.00	Christie	81	-2	...	...	...
1,073.30	Chubb Sec	384	-12	...	1.7	23.8
46.10	Comac	126	+20	...	1.5	32.5
19.90	Corp Services	53	-2	0.2	0.6	∞
23.50	Coutts Cnslig	94	-2	...	...	...
22.80	Dart	149	-8	3.3	2.8	30.2
265.70	Davis Service	260	+3	...	3.8	19.6
25.80	EW Facts▲	142	...	4.4	3.9	16.2
30.10	Gardiner	28	...	...	3.3	12.3
1,223.80	Hays	303	-5	...	2.3	23.2
193.80	Hogg Robinsn	280	-4	...	3.0	20.4
14.50	Holmes Protectn	33	...	...	...	2.0
10,014.00	Hutch Whamp	277½	-18½	...	1.7	22.9
662.10	ISS B DKr	2550	+43½	...	0.8	17.6
2,835.10	Inchcape	539	-11	...	3.3	17.6
199.00	Johnson Clean	1010	+1	25.7	3.2	22.0
64.60	Lep	7	...	...	...	...
42.80	Mitie Gp	369 †	+14	4.0	1.4	25.5
928.60	Manpower	1269½	-9½	...	...	...
45.40	Michael Page	76	-¼	1.8	3.0	22.3
5.26	Pennant	109	...	8.0	9.2	4.1
2.26	Prime People▲	4½	+¼	...	...	...
42.50	Proudfoot	68	-2	...	27.6	3.8
43.00	RCO	402 †	+1	15.2	4.7	13.5
8.58	REA	106	...	2.0	2.4	...
63.50	Reed Executive	124	...	...	...	...
28.60	Reliance Sec▲	127	-3	4.5	4.4	33.3
2,466.80	Rentokil	253	-1	2.5	1.2	31.6
19.90	Rolfe & Nolan	328	...	...	2.8	22.5
771.90	Salvesen (C)	287	-12	...	3.7	17.7
6.33	Scott Pickford▲	54	-1	0.6	1.9	17.2
29.00	Select Appt▲	13½	+1	...	...	...
175.20	Serco Gp	1485	+15	17.0	1.4	∞
5.12	Sherwd Cmpt▲	84	-1	...	10.4	2.5
68.20	Sketchley	114	...	...	3.3	26.1
79.40	Warner Howrd	335	...	6.6	2.5	17.5
7.37	Wetpac	26	...	...	...	...
44.10	Wills Gp	293	+¼	...	1.8	20.6

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
708.00	Allied Colloids	269	+2	...	2.0	24.8
600.30	Amersham	1044	-3	...	1.7	30.0
32.20	Anglo Utd	3½	...	...	...	...
7,187.40	BASF DM	£122½	+512½	...	3.6	...
439.50	BTP	327	-10	...	3.6	26.3
9,791.20	Bayer DM50	£145½	+493½	...	3.6	...
75.80	Blagden	163	-8	6.5	5.0	17.6
70.50	Brent Chems	104½	-14	...	4.9	∞
156.40	Br Bio-Tech	438	+13	...	...	...
5.86	Calni Gp	10¼	-¼	...	...	28.5
47.00	Canning (W)	166	-11	7.2	5.5	19.0
44.60	Cantab Pharms	453	+10	...	...	...
2,227.10	Courtaulds	534	+23	...	3.2	13.9
504.00	Croda	383	+8	...	2.6	22.0
13.60	Doeflex	128	-2	4.6	4.5	9.8
206.30	Ellis & Everard	248 †	+5	...	3.7	20.8
11.70	Euro Colour	39	-¼	0.8	2.8	18.7
102.50	Halstead (J)	344	...	...	2.4	17.0
350.70	Hickson	202	+2	...	5.0	18.7
7,306.20	Hoechst	£123½	+378½	...	3.0	...
182.90	Holliday Chem	214	+4	4.0	2.4	∞
5,617.20	ICI	778	+32	...	4.5	57.1
1,527.70	Laporte	709	-15	...	3.3	19.7
138.70	Leigh	217	+8	...	4.5	19.1
16.30	MTM	65	-2	...	...	...
4,532.00	Norsk Hydro	2206½	-87½	...	1.5	∞
143.50	Paterson Zoch	587	-16	...	2.7	19.8
127.40	-do- 'A'	554	-20	...	2.8	18.7
115.40	Plysu	243	...	...	3.6	20.7
47.40	Porvair	308 †	+4	4.2	1.7	∞
36.60	Sutcliffe Speak	85	...	...	...	...
118.30	Wardle Storeys	475	-8	...	4.5	22.0
48.10	Wistmnme R	650	...	17.0	3.3	22.3
198.30	Yorks Chem	434 †	...	...	2.3	20.5
380.20	Yule Catto	292	-9	...	2.6	18.2
7,040.30	Zeneca	745	-17	...	4.7	16.0

DRAPERY, STORES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
40.20	Alexon	70	-2	...	5.4	...
243.30	Allders	236	+2	...	3.2	17.6
1,046.80	Argos Plc	352	-7	...	2.5	30.0
12.70	Ashley Group	9	...	...	2.0	...
204.40	Ashley (Laura)	87	-5	0.1	0.1	...
268.60	Asprey	337	...	5.2	1.9	21.7
56.80	Austin Reed	185	-1	...	1.7	...
74.60	Beattie (J) 'A'	160	-3	...	4.8	16.1
59.90	Bentalls	143	...	1.9	1.7	...
140.40	Betterware	137	-11	...	2.0	16.4
12.40	Blacks Leis	39	...	2.2	7.2	...
424.40	Body Shop	225	-10	...	1.0	29.0
41.70	Brown & Jackson	6¼	-2	...	1.5	3.3
316.80	Brown (N)	434	-7	...	2.1	25.5
749.20	Burton	53½	-¼	...	4.7	79.5
29.80	Carpets	197	-33	...	2.6	27.3
46.20	Church	428	-2	12.5	3.7	38.1
23.00	Clinton Cards	165	...	4.3	3.3	19.9
1,798.20	Coats Viyella	266	+7	...	3.5	36.8
17.20	Colourvision▲	85	-1	5.6	8.2	15.3
32.10	Ctry Casuals	167	...	...	3.1	15.5
214.10	Courts Furnish	874 †	...	5.6	0.8	11.0
1.28	Crown Eyes▲	205	-5	7.5	4.6	14.0
1,752.20	Dairy Farm Intl	105½	+1¼	...	3.5	15.5
135.40	Dewhirst (IJ)	107½	-¼	0.8	0.9	34.5
833.10	Dixons Grp	210	-4	...	3.8	...
5.74	ERA Gp	10	...	...	...	...
6.96	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	16.0	3.5	19.9
30.80	Essex Furn	269 †	-2	...	1.8	43.0
151.50	Etam	212	-1	7.0	3.8	21.3
405.20	Fine Art Dev	509	+2	13.0	3.2	16.6
2.79	Fired Earth Tiles	49	+1	...	...	...
16.40	Forminster	708	-2	14.5	2.6	12.9
21.10	French Conn▲	132	-7	...	...	...
25.30	Gent SR	70	...	...	4.1	21.5
21.30	Goldsmiths Gp	97	...	0.3	0.4	...
5,754.30	GUS	572 †	-10	...	2.5	17.7
3.74	Hampden Grp▲	25	...	...	5.0	12.4
73.30	Hamstone	70	-4	...	...	...
34.50	Helene Plc	27½	-2	2.0	9.1	13.0
5.09	Heritage▲	90	-2	...	...	...
7.07	Honeysuckle▲	84	-4	...	3.8	12.2
18.00	Jacques Vert	189 †	+1	...	2.3	14.5
4,016.60	Kingfisher	604	...	...	2.9	20.8
28.10	Leslie Wise Gp	81 †	...	4.0	6.2	∞
89.60	Liberty	540	...	7.2	1.7	61.6
399.50	Lloyds Chem	338	-7	...	3.0	11.1
943.00	MFI	162	-5	...	3.0	73.6
11,519.00	Marks Spencer	414½	-11½	...	2.5	21.2
380.80	Menzies (John)	649 †	-25	...	2.1	16.9
47.60	Moss Bros	284	...	5.5	2.4	33.4
813.80	Next	219	...	3.5	2.0	26.1
11.10	Oliver (G)	44	...	...	...	...
148.70	Oriflame Intl	278	-2	...	4.4	13.6
54.70	Pentos	38	...	0.8	2.6	7.0
103.80	QS Hldgs	264	-1	5.1	2.5	18.8
35.20	Rhino Grp▲	42	-4	0.5	1.5	∞
41.00	Rosebys	208	...	...	2.9	25.0
192.60	Sherwood Gp	172	...	...	1.9	19.5
1,740.00	Sears	115	-5	...	3.8	40.3
109.90	Signet Group	37½	-¼	...	...	...
1,412.30	Smith WH 'A'	516 †	+3	...	3.6	16.6
167.80	-do- B	120½	-1	...	3.1	19.4
1.87	Specialeyes▲	12	-1	...	...	...
919.90	Storehouse	221½	-4½	...	2.8	21.9
118.20	T & S Stores	185	...	6.0	4.1	13.8
75.90	Tie Rack	147	-1	1.0	0.9	24.1
133.00	Time Products	251	...	7.7	3.9	21.7
8.72	Usher (Frank)▲	126	-6	6.0	6.1	13.4
2,921.80	Vendome	418	-18	...	1.8	19.5
21.50	Vivat	39	+¼	1.2	4.1	∞
77.10	WEW Group	53	-2	...	3.2	39.1
3.14	Wensum▲	42	-2	1.8	5.6	...
434.50	Wickes	117	-2	...	1.1	27.9
6.96	Wrd of Leather▲	87	...	...	...	...
68.20	Wyevale	178	+1	4.4	3.1	∞
3.48	Xtra-vision▲	2½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
343.00	ACT Group	185	+3½	...	3.4	18.6
40.90	Acal▲	283	+17	...	3.1	20.4
58.30	Admiral	540	+3	6.3	1.3	∞
88.00	Alba	190	+2	...	3.2	21.5
10.50	Alphameric	39	...	...	...	...
215.10	Amstrad	37 †	-¼	...	1.7	...
19.10	App Holo▲	91	-3	...	...	...
24.50	Arlen	33	...	...	...	...
271.30	Astec	88	-3	...	0.4	...
57.90	Azlan	265	...	...	1.4	31.5
26.90	Beales Hunter	275	...	...	4.3	17.0
2.92	Bennett & Fount	2½ #	...	...	...	...
1,480.90	BICC	420	-41	...	5.9	29.2
157.10	Blick	515 †	...	...	2.3	19.0
299.30	Borland▲	912½	-12½	...	...	...
639.50	Bowthorpe	344	-5	...	2.5	22.8
25,620.40	BT	412½	-24½	...	4.9	19.9
5,044.70	BT P/P	253½	-26	...	4.9	19.5
4.42	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	17	+1½	0.1	0.7	...
25.70	Burnfield	75	+7	2.5	4.2	∞
9,609.60	Cable Wireless	440	-24	...	2.2	23.0
82.80	Chloride	34½	+1½	...	...	...
47.80	CML Micro▲	273	+3	4.7	2.2	19.8
24.80	Comptr People	179	+9	1.5	1.1	∞
402.20	Cray Elect	182½	-8½	...	1.2	17.8
51.30	Critchley	442	+5	...	1.4	25.5
781.40	Delta	528	+1	...	3.3	22.1
25.10	Denmans El▲	575	-3	...	1.4	18.5
127.20	Domino	493 †	-2	...	2.0	21.2
104.80	Dowding Mills	71	-2	...	4.4	30.4
104.60	Druck▲	1635	...	10.3	0.8	32.8
1,097.20	Electrocomponts	522	-4	...	2.0	29.4
50.40	El Data Prc	193 ↓	+3	...	1.2	10.5
38.20	Electron House	152 †	+1	...	2.3	21.8
30.20	Emess	28½	-1½	0.1	0.4	...
358.00	Eurotherm	801 †	+9	...	1.5	27.2
894.20	FKI	201	+3	...	2.1	28.4
791.90	Farnell Elect	591	-9	...	1.4	31.3
5.42	Feedback▲	64	-¼	...	3.9	8.7
48.20	First Tech	310	...	...	0.8	25.8
19.70	Forward Gp▲	240	+4	4.0	2.1	17.0
7.83	Forward Tech	23	+¼	0.2	1.4	∞
8,396.50	GEC	307 †	-2½	10.4	4.2	15.3
119.80	Graseby	186	-4	...	7.3	39.1
35.70	Graystone	13	...	...	...	...
2.07	Hildare▲	45	...	0.5	1.5	...
66.20	Ind Control	166	-3	...	3.5	14.7
65.20	Jones Stroud	358 †	-10	...	3.1	14.4
49.50	Kalamazoo	130	+3	2.7	2.6	30.2
3.01	Kembrey	11	...	0.1	1.8	...
136.50	Kenwood App	372	-6	...	2.6	20.9
31.40	Kewill Sys▲	260	-6	...	...	...
12.80	Kode	137	-6	6.0	5.5	∞
4.03	Laser-Scan▲	25	...	...	...	...
25.10	LBMS▲	140	-1	0.7	0.7	19.7
16.60	Lec Refrig	275	-15	9.0	4.1	...
226.10	Life Sciences	133	-2	3.9	3.7	∞
190.70	Logica	310	+5	...	1.7	35.6
4.22	LPA Ind▲	47	...	...	6.5	...
113.20	MR Data Mngmt	304	+9	...	3.4	22.5
154.10	Macro 4	678	+3	...	3.6	20.1
109.30	Menvier-Swn	224 †	...	...	2.2	19.5
132.10	Micro Focus	930	-30	...	...	8.9
60.30	Microgen	153 †	-5	7.2	5.9	∞
22.00	Microvitec▲	34½	-2½	...	...	...
208.70	Misys	538 †	-7	...	1.7	19.6
295.50	Mitel	374	-44	...	...	...
19.80	MMT Compu▲	176	+8	...	2.8	24.0
4.75	Molynx	23½	...	...	1.3	6.9
48.40	MTL Inst▲	275	+10	4.1	1.9	∞
21.30	Multitone Elect	141 †	...	3.5	3.1	25.6
34.80	Murray Ent	131	-3	...	1.9	∞
10,094.90	NYNEX	2449½	-99½	...	...	...
31.30	Neotronics	121	...	...	2.7	21.1
2.55	Newmark (L)	55	...	...	...	...
27.20	Norbain▲	367	+5	...	0.5	28.3
9.68	Northamber	57	...	0.6	1.3	...
11.80	Oceonics	8½	-¼	...	...	...
172.50	Oxford Instr	355 †	-1	4.6	1.6	24.4
42.90	P & P	77	...	...	3.4	21.1
106.60	Peek	91	+1	3.4	4.7	23.8
13.00	Pegasus▲	207	-1	3.0	3.1	∞
13.50	Philips Fn 4%	£104½	...	...	5.5	...
6,076.60	-do- Lmp Nv	1900	-62½	...	0.9	∞
151.20	Plasmelink▲	426	-6	...	...	...
32.30	Plico	340 †	+5	...	1.6	28.5
22.80	-do- 'A' Voting	330 †	+5	...	1.6	27.7
3.67	Plasmec▲	79	-1	3.0	4.7	8.7
27.80	Pressac	115	-2	...	2.8	23.9
25.70	Psion▲	229	...	2.5	1.4	60.8
634.70	Racal Elect	227	+5	4.2	2.3	13.5
8.86	Radamec	48	...	...	3.9	10.3
7.64	Radius▲	28	-4	2.2	10.0	9.7
8.05	Real Time ▲	115	...	...	3.3	23.6
112.10	Sage Gp	539	-1	...	2.3	16.5
30.90	Sanderson Elec	340	-5	9.9	3.6	14.5
31.40	Scantronic	86	...	3.1	4.6	23.5
78.40	Scholes Grp	199	...	...	3.1	25.8
365.80	Sema Gp	402	+27	3.1	1.0	∞
26.90	Servomex	270	+2	5.9	2.7	20.4
28.30	Silvermines	44	+1	...	2.8	...
8.55	Soundtracks▲	85 †	...	...	3.5	21.5
3,596.50	TDK	2734½	-149½	...	1.1	31.1
1.22	TDS Circuits▲	13½	...	...	...	...
125.80	Telemetrix	139	-7	1.0	0.9	∞
85.90	Telspec	271	-13	...	1.2	34.0
4,762.70	THORN EMI	1118	+23	...	3.6	25.9
22.90	Thorpe FW	185	+4	...	1.8	21.5
3.53	Total Systems▲	35	...	1.5	5.4	6.2
96.60	Tunstall	295	+5	...	1.5	21.1
208.30	Unitech	305 †	+3	...	2.6	51.9
25.60	Verity	12½	...	...	...	...
34.90	Vistec▲	28½	+1	0.3	1.6	16.8
5,729.80	Vodafone	569	-32	...	1.7	24.7
124.30	Volex	469	-2	18.1	4.8	19.2
3.76	Western Selectn	25	+1	0.2	1.2	...
47.60	Wholesale Ftgs	335 †	-12	11.7	4.4	35.6

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,259.50	East Midlands	575 †	-63	...	4.5	10.2
1,638.00	Eastern Elect	613½	-39½	...	4.1	11.7
1,417.00	Hydro—Elect	369 †	-27½	...	4.0	13.0
1,308.60	London Elect	600	-29	...	4.4	11.5
837.50	Manweb	705 †	-43	...	3.9	8.8
1,282.60	Midlands Elec	607 †	-54	...	4.4	9.6
5,589.20	National Powr	437	-39	...	3.2	10.8
781.10	Northern Elec	631 †	-50	...	4.5	8.3
635.40	Nthn Ireland	266 †	-5	...	3.2	12.9
1,101.80	Norweb	638 †	-53	20.8	4.1	9.1
4,116.00	PowerGen	525	-41	...	2.7	13.8
3,198.90	Scottish Power	392½	-15½	...	3.7	14.6
844.00	Seeboard	331	-29	...	3.9	10.4
705.20	Sth Wales	688	-39	...	4.2	10.6
761.20	Sth Western	620 †	-29	...	4.3	9.1
1,666.70	Southern Elec	615 †	-48	...	4.2	8.1
1,275.90	Yorkshire Elec	614 †	-33	...	4.3	11.6

FINANCE, LAND

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
24.50	Aitken Hume	53	+1½	1.0	2.4	11.2
26.50	BWD▲	139	-13	4.0	3.7	21.3
31.70	Baltic Plc	105	-3	...	1.8	∞
123.60	Brutec Inv	208	...	...	...	...
546.80	Caledonia	658	-20	...	2.9	24.5
61.30	Camellia	3450	+150	...	1.5	9.2
74.50	Candover	334	-1	11.0	4.2	∞
296.50	Govett	422 †	-6	...	4.5	8.6
62.40	Ivory Sime	215	-1	...	4.1	18.6
49.20	Johnson Fry	328	-20	...	1.2	...
214.00	Lon Forfaitng▲	214	+4	9.3	5.6	∞
16.00	Manakin	78	...	...	...	...
18.10	Nat Home Loan	17½	-2	...	...	0.4
19.90	Newmarket	56	-1	...	...	...
64.00	Rathbone Bs	325	...	6.5	2.5	19.8
60.80	Rutland Tst	26	...	...	3.8	15.4
37.40	S & U	330	-26	10.2	3.6	13.0
192.40	Singer & Fried	100	-1	...	3.8	∞
402.00	Sothebys	1185 †	+110	...	1.4	...
429.70	SFP Capital	157	+2	3.0	2.4	64.8
33.60	Towry Law	220 †	-1	...	2.6	21.6

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
9,083.40	Amer Express	1887½	-25	...	...	...
370.80	Gartmore	184	-5	...	2.7	∞
222.60	Henderson Ad	1040	-15	...	3.0	24.0
508.40	Invesco	205	-4	...	1.8	...
2,502.70	Jardine Strat	265	-5½	...	3.0	11.1
913.00	MAI	380½	+15½	...	3.1	17.8
1,218.60	MAM	648	-17	16.0	3.1	16.2
785.40	M & G	1063	-47	...	3.0	21.8
226.30	Smith New Crt	410	+6	...	2.1	4.0
30.60	Trio Hldgs	55 †	-6	2.5	5.7	∞

FOODS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2,487.50	AB Food	554	+1	...	3.4	11.5
1,681.40	ASDA Group	58 †	-2½	1.6	3.6	...
113.20	Acatos & Hutch	343 †	-1	...	2.9	12.6
382.10	Albert Fisher	63	-1	...	7.4	14.0
2,751.30	Argyll	245	-6	...	5.9	9.8
22.30	Banks (S C)	280 †	...	9.0	4.3	9.9
62.40	Barr (AG)	330 †	-10	6.5	2.5	∞
13.20	Bensons Crsp▲	72	+2	3.8	5.1	∞
885.30	Booker	415	-14	...	6.6	36.0
52.30	Borthwick	56	...	...	2.7	69.6
247.30	Brake Bros	485	-3	6.3	1.6	30.2
63.50	Budgen	39 †	...	...	4.2	11.8
4,083.60	Cadbury-Schw	492	-6	...	3.7	18.7
14.00	Carrs Milling	204	...	...	2.6	14.9
19.50	Cranswick	145	-5	...	6.9	13.7
3.96	Cullens	15	...	0.5	4.2	43.1
13.70	Dalepak	118 †	-1	...	5.3	34.4
1,069.40	Dalgety	467	-13	...	5.6	13.4
7.23	Daniels S	87	+13	...	0.4	...
348.30	Devro	258	-13	...	2.7	24.5
19.60	Everest	78	+2	...	5.9	14.1
88.70	Farepak	392	+5	5.9	1.9	24.1
2.10	Farringford	8	...	...	...	...
83.70	Finlay (James)	84	+3	...	6.2	27.9
273.10	Fyffes	97 †	...	...	1.8	∞
192.40	Geest	268	-2	8.1	3.8	12.1
22.30	Global▲	18¼	+1½	0.5	3.4	28.8
20.20	Grand Central	51	-4	0.8	2.0	...
360.40	Hazlewood Fds	155½	-3½	...	5.2	8.8
1,110.60	Hillsdown	161	-16	8.8	7.1	∞
428.40	Iceland Group	156	+2	...	2.8	9.8
45.60	JLI Group	110	...	...	5.3	12.2
930.10	Kwik Save	602	-10	...	3.8	10.8
83.80	Low (Wm)	157	-4	...	6.7	5.5
130.30	Matthews (B)	105	-1	2.3	2.8	68.8
13.60	Merchant Retail	16	...	0.9	7.4	32.8
827.90	Morrison (W)	116	-3	...	0.9	15.1
46.80	Nichols (JN)	245	-1	5.5	2.8	17.7
1,249.40	Nthn Foods	218 †	-7	...	4.9	10.7
3.73	Nthmbrn Fn▲	12	...	...	...	...
294.40	Nurdin Peack	232	+19	...	3.4	12.9
211.90	Park Foods	355½	+2½	...	2.3	27.4
88.40	Perkins Food	72	-3	...	8.0	∞
67.80	PizzaExpress	128	-4	...	0.5	26.9
5.25	Regina Hlth▲	3½	...	...	...	...
6,431.50	Sainsbury J	399½	-19½	...	3.6	12.6
3.48	Senny Farm▲	81	...	1.5	2.3	14.5
32.10	Sims Food	106	-8	...	7.7	20.4
1,537.50	Tate & Lyle	429	+2	...	3.8	11.5
4,352.50	Tesco	221½	-9	...	4.1	10.1
124.20	Thorntons	195	+3	...	2.5	...
21.40	Treats▲	227 †	+12	...	2.2	18.5
833.40	Unigate	356	-19	...	5.8	11.7
1,727.20	Utd Biscuits	329	-25	...	5.8	20.4
17.40	Usborne	19	...	...	3.5	14.0
133.20	Watson & Phil	400	...	...	4.5	16.7
17.80	West Trust	42 †	...	...	8.0	...

HOTELS, CATERERS

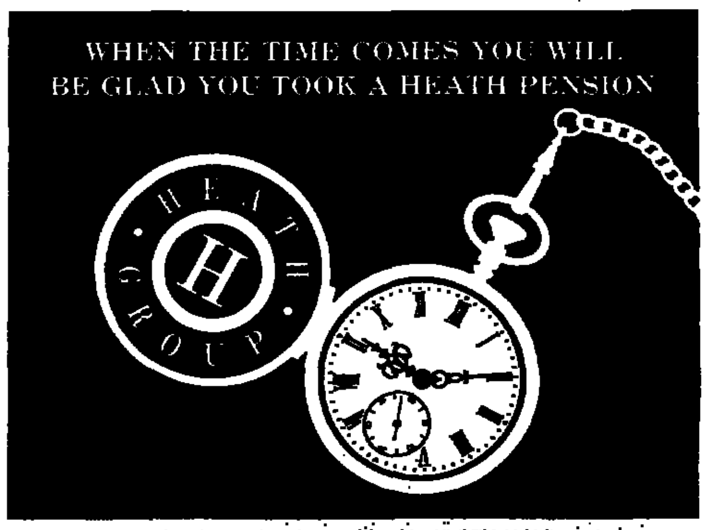
Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3.12	Abrdn Stk Ht▲	26	...	...	...	...
168.90	City Centre Rest	88½	+1½	1.5	2.2	21.3
2,200.70	Forte	255	-14	...	3.7	20.0
36.10	Friendly Hotels	184	+1	...	3.9	35.8
19.00	Harmony Prop▲	9½	...	...	...	...
51.20	Jurys Hotel	150½	-2½	...	4.2	12.2
2,304.80	Ladbroke	202	-3½	...	3.7	55.7
617.30	Mandarin Ornt	91	-4	...	3.7	22.6
49.80	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	6.8
16.20	Ryan Hotels K	24½	+1	...	5.0	...
307.40	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1075	+12	7.0	0.8	...
337.50	Stakis	88½	+2	1.0	1.4	∞

INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
12.90	AAF Inds	56	-1	...	19.6	3.4
442.90	AAH	496 †	+3	...	4.4	16.5
23.40	AIM	168 †	-3	...	5.6	20.6
385.90	API	131	+2½	...	5.2	...
129.30	ASW	193	+1	...	3.9	∞
149.40	Adwest	184	+1	...	4.9	17.7
6.27	Aerospace Eng	16½	...	...	5.7	...
71.20	Airsprung	288	-11	...	1.9	19.0
70.40	Alexdra W	209	...	4.1	2.5	33.1
5.08	Allied Radio	11	...	...	...	...
101.70	Alumasc	328	+3	...	2.3	18.1
37.20	AMS	67 †	+1	...	1.9	12.1
29.20	Amber Ind	745	...	...	3.2	17.1
14.80	Amberley Gp▲	55	-2	1.0	2.3	...
33.30	Anagen	76	...	...	...	...
11.40	Andrews Sykes	80	...	...	4.7	...
511.70	Antofagasta	1628	-45	...	1.2	30.1
15.70	Armour	54½	-2	...	3.9	12.6
45.70	Ash & Lacy	175	...	6.4	4.6	17.9
12.50	Ass Br Eng	4½	...	...	1.3	63.1
157.70	Avon Rubber	593	-7	...	3.5	20.9
35.70	Axiom Nursg▲	290	-4	...	0.4	17.8
57.50	Atlas Equip	553	+5	...	5.0	13.9
7.80	Ayrshire Metal	78	...	...	...	...
792.70	BBA	197	-19	...	4.9	...
8.10	BLP Group▲	122	...	...	...	...
43.50	BM Gp	39½	-1	...	...	...
3,443.90	BOC	722	+3	...	4.0	28.4
207.80	BSG	80	...	...	3.0	27.8
142.00	BSS Group	544	-6	...	4.0	30.4
13,541.10	BTR	389	-25	...	4.0	∞
83.50	BWI	175	...	...	4.8	16.2
197.80	Babcock	36½	-¼	...	3.7	21.9
4.67	Bailey (CH)	8½	...	...	...	...
281.60	Baird (Wm)	249	+5	8.9	4.5	17.3
846.90	Barlow	431½	+18½	...	7.6	7.9
104.10	Baynes (Charles)	75	...	...	2.5	30.7
7.91	Bearing Power	23	...	...	4.1	14.6
4.46	Beauford	28 †	+2	...	...	...
1.66	Bedford (W)▲	35	...	...	...	...
19.60	Benson Group	15 †	...	...	3.5	11.4
79.70	Bespak	315	-28	10.2	4.0	9.9
132.80	Bibby (J)	85	+8	...	2.9	...
3.45	Billam (J)	213	...	5.3	3.2	∞
2.61	Bilston Battsea▲	31	-1	...	...	...
9.31	Bimec Ind	7½	-1	...	...	...
60.60	Birkby	278	...	3.7	1.7	14.5
10.60	Black Arrow	43	...	2.1	6.1	13.5
147.90	Black (Peter)	289	-2	3.8	1.8	21.0
64.80	Bluebird Toys▲	818	+78	16.0	2.5	∞
185.50	Bodycote	321	...	...	2.0	20.5
1.84	Bogod 'A'	38	+3	0.7	2.3	14.2
5,671.40	Boots	545	...	...	3.1	21.5
1.76	Booth Inds	44	+1	...	...	...
2,475.00	Bowater	496	-9	...	3.0	20.7
578.80	Bowater Inc	1596½	-7½	...	...	...
79.50	Boxmore Intl▲	299	...	4.0	1.7	∞
13.30	Brasway	13	...	...	3.8	...
143.80	Brammer	321	-8	23.0	5.1	23.9
6.34	Bridgend Gp	23	...	0.4	...	...
84.50	Bridon	156	...	...	3.2	...
7.82	Bridport-Grdry	78	...	...	4.0	...
1,288.80	Brierley Inv	50½	-4	...	6.9	12.1
26.30	Br Bldg & Eng	235	...	...	4.3	19.8
3.98	Br Bloodstock▲	102	-2	...	...	...
146.20	Br Polythene	489	-4	11.5	3.0	∞
2,795.00	Br Steel	139½	-1½	...	1.3	...
22.10	Br Thornton	125	-5	...	5.0	13.0
586.10	Br Vita	272	-3	...	3.4	25.1
86.10	Britton Grp	16½	...	...	1.3	...
13,525.80	Broken Hill	876½	-9	...	2.3	37.0
80.80	Bromsgrve Ind	113 †	-1	...	4.9	14.7
6.16	Brooke Tool	16	...	...	...	...
15.60	Brown & Tawse	48	-5	...	...	...
196.60	Bullough	164 †	...	...	4.6	71.7
10.70	Business Tech▲	13½	-1	...	...	...
17.30	CI Group	22	...	0.3	3.6	19.2
7.65	Campbll & Arm	33	...	...	...	...
32.40	Cantors S	31	...	...	...	...
147.50	Cape	213	...	...	4.8	18.5
2,390.00	Caradon	386	-21	...	2.8	31.2
341.10	-do- pf	199	-5	7.2	4.5	...
165.50	Carclo Eng	274	+6	...	4.0	20.4
28.10	Care UK	7½	-2	...	...	...
1,823.90	Carnaud Mtl	2282½	-12½	...	2.7	∞
5.02	Cassidy Bros▲	52 †	-2	...	3.3	22.3
33.00	Castings	251	...	4.6	2.2	17.7
151.60	Cathay Intl	54	-2	...	...	...
154.60	Celltech	219	...	...	...	...
13.30	Chamberlin Hill	185	-5	6.5	4.4	11.6
521.20	Charter	752	-7	...	3.6	11.7
61.40	Chemring	375	-30	...	3.6	16.5
4.97	Chieftain Gp▲	18	-1	4.5	9.7	12.4
13.10	Chillington	4	-4	...	...	...
36.20	Christies Int	223	...	...	...	∞
10.40	Clayhithe	62	...	...	5.0	...
2.72	Clayton Son	40	...	...	...	...
3.52	Cohen (A)	453	...	3.4	0.9	...
93.20	Community H	235 †	-2	...	3.2	15.2
131.60	Concentric	242	-5	...	3.0	30.1
64.90	Cook (Wm)	295	-9	6.5	2.5	17.9
1,548.60	Cookson	275	-13	...	2.9	∞
11.60	Copyrmer▲	110	...	4.0	4.6	∞
67.10	Crossl Fic 'A'	166	+1	...	4.3	22.2
16.20	Crsair	162	...	...	4.7	...
12.70	Creightons Nat▲	275	...	7.4	3.4	19.7
67.50	CrestaCare	60	-2	6.2	2.2	34.6
1,756.40	Dana	1825	+135	...	...	...
676.10	Danka Bs Sys	700	-10	...	0.5	24.2
165.00	David Brown	237	-11	...	2.6	22.4
1,892.30	De La Rue	975	-11	...	2.5	22.5
5.02	Dinkie Heel	41	-1	1.1	3.4	32.6
311.40	Diploma	557	-26	...	2.1	22.3
110.30	Dobson Park	98	-3	...	5.3	30.0
1.96	Dyson (J&J)	125	...	5.0	5.2	22.1
10.50	-do- 'A'	87 †	...	5.0	7.2	16.0
7.02	EFG	15	-1	...	...	...
191.80	ERS	435	-2	...	3.5	17.2
2.09	Elbief	16½	...	...	...	...
14.20	Eleco	48	...	...	...	...
2,460.80	Electrolux 'B'	3453½	+100½	...	1.5	∞
30.30	Elliott (B)	89	...	...	...	...
1,549.90	Eng China Cl	511	+14	...	4.9	29.7
19.00	Environmed	132 #	...	...	...	...
5,502.40	Ericsson 'B'	2931½	-75	...	1.3	∞
36.80	Eurocopy	76 †	...	...	2.8	22.4
49.20	Expamet	78	-9	...	4.1	∞
277.90	Fairey Group	741	-1	10.7	1.8	22.8
98.10	Fenner	142	...	...	...	...
10.40	Ferraris Group	103	+2	...	2.4	15.3
2.81	Ferrum	9	-1	1.4	19.4	6.3
7.57	Fife Indmar	72	+12	2.7	4.9	∞
905.30	Fisons	131	+2	...	4.1	...
53.80	Fitzwilton	46 †	-2	...	9.5	...
68.40	Flogas	278 †	...	...	3.8	12.7
15.10	Folkes Group nv	49	+2	1.5	3.8	27.8
14.70	French (Thomas)	124 †	-1	...	3.7	26.6
165.40	Frost Group	235	...	...	2.4	30.4
32.00	GEI Intl	87	+1	...	3.5	...
1,479.00	GKN	560 †	-3	...	4.7	35.6
8.43	GR Hldgs	64	...	...	3.5	...
4.73	Gannon Eng	124	-1	4.1	4.2	...
337.80	Gestetner	172 †	-4	...	2.2	...
13.90	Glaves	61	...	...	...	46.1
20,120.80	Glaxo	661 †	-46	...	4.5	15.7
9.73	Glenchewton	38½	-¼	...	...	...
304.80	Glynwed	389	+10½	11.6	3.8	∞
100.50	Goode Durrant	190	+2	...	3.6	...
118.50	Grampian Hd	172	-2	5.5	4.0	29.0
3,184.20	Granada	549 †	...	...	2.0	21.7
57.30	Great Shrm▲	486	...	11.4	2.9	20.0
6.40	Green (Ernst)▲	83	...	...	10.5	12.6
25.20	Greenacre▲	14½	...	...	2.6	14.1
1.14	Guardian Grp▲	6 #	...	...	...	...
70.30	Haden MacLn	80	...	...	...	...
7.03	Hadleigh Inds▲	47	+3	1.0	1.3	...
25.90	Halkin Hldgs	70	+2	...	...	54.6
93.30	Hall Eng	337	-¼	9.6	3.5	25.6
450.80	Halma	227	-3	...	1.2	28.4
37.60	Hampson Ind	62	-2	1.7	3.4	20.5
13,653.00	Hanson	270 †	+2½	...	5.3	25.1
16.10	Harris (Philip)	150	...	...	5.7	9.1
1,467.90	Harrisn Crsfld	271	+7	9.0	5.3	30.5
38.30	Havelock Euro	147	...	...	...	...
6.75	Hay (Norman)	45	+2	...	...	...
0.28	Headway	39	-1	...	2.2	...
1.47	Healthcare	1¼ #	...	...	...	0.5
1,100.60	Hepworth	435	-10	14.8	4.1	14.6
6.21	Hewitt (J)	183	...	3.2	2.2	14.3
2.64	High-Point	33	-2	0.5	1.3	...
59.10	Hill & Smith	185 †	+1	...	4.2	19.3
25.40	Hobson▲	27 #	...	...	...	...
5.96	Holders Tech▲	191	...	6.0	3.9	26.0
45.20	Hopkinsons	58	+1	0.9	1.9	43.9
17.50	Hornby▲	212	-3	9.0	5.3	20.0
280.20	Howden	100	+1	...	2.9	15.8
60.90	Hozelock	256	-1	...	2.9	18.2
237.60	Hunting	247	-2	...	5.1	20.8
138.70	Huntleigh Tech▲	490	-3	...	1.0	32.5
1,131.30	IMI	348	+8	...	3.6	29.2
50.80	ISA Intl	131	...	1.5	1.5	20.4
39.10	Intercare Gp▲	138 †	...	...	3.2	13.2
40.10	Isoron	323	-2	4.4	1.7	18.0
3,712.10	Jardine Math	520½	-47½	...	2.4	18.8
1,052.10	Johnson Math	552	-11	...	2.4	21.5
62.50	Johnson & FB	44½	-1	...	3.8	42.4
16.50	Johnston	156	-2	3.2	...	...
7.19	Jones Shipman	28	...	...	...	...
5.39	Jourdan (T)	30	...	0.7	3.1	...
236.30	Kalon	178½	-¼	...	3.0	∞
7.99	Kelsey Ind	260	...	8.0	3.8	∞
262.50	Kershaw (A)	755 †	-5	...	4.5	38.9
34.10	Kleeneze	246 †	-10	...	0.5	79.6
450.20	Laird	362½	-7½	...	3.4	18.8
43.30	Lilleshall	161	...	...	3.6	17.2
15.90	Lincat▲	225	...	...	3.3	15.9
10.10	Lincoln Hire▲	40	-2	...	...	20.3
17.10	Linread	140	+24	3.9	3.6	∞
59.10	Linton Park	345	...	...	5.1	12.5
21.60	Lionheart	11	-¼	0.2	2.3	...
5.10	Locker (T) A	17	...	0.8	6.3	24.7
242.00	Lon Intl	143	-9	6.2	5.5	...
1,217.80	Lonrho	158½	+3½	...	3.2	78.2
404.10	Low & Bonar	414	-14	...	3.1	∞
64.10	ML Hldgs	42½	-1½	...	...	...
16.70	MS Intl	61	-1	...	5.1	37.4
52.90	MY Holdings	60 †	-1	...	2.6	15.8
183.70	Macfarlane	243	-12	...	1.7	27.5
476.80	McKechnie	524	+12	...	3.5	25.2
69.60	McLeod Russel	115	+1	...	6.6	17.0
5.68	Magnolia	99	...	0.1	0.1	15.9
26.50	Mang Bronze	161	+2	...	1.9	26.6
38.10	Marling	21½	-¼	...	...	...
41.40	Mayborn▲	209	-9	5.2	3.1	18.0
114.90	Mayflower	58	-1	...	1.0	48.4
396.10	Medeva	144	-5½	...	2.1	11.7
249.40	Meggitt	115½	+3½	...	4.1	19.7
108.20	Metalrax	131	...	...	3.6	21.4
29.90	Metrotect	134	...	...	3.3	17.2
18.40	Metsec	119	...	...	...	...
54.90	Midstates	109	-5	...	0.9	15.2
169.90	Molins	548	-3	...	3.3	13.2
344.50	Morgan Cble	389	+6	...	4.0	20.4
28.20	Morris Ashby▲	316 †	-1	5.2	3.3	16.4
10.30	Neepsend	42	-4	1.0	3.0	56.3
55.40	Nestor-BNA	74	-1	3.1	5.3	17.2
30.20	Nobo Gp	347 †	...	5.3	2.7	24.4
323.20	Norcros	185	-6	...	4.7	22.0
20.20	Novo Group	32	...	...	4.3	10.3
3.18	Office Elec Mac	52	...	...	...	...
25.10	OMI Intl	54½	+1½	...	3.9	...
15.40	PCT▲	174	+2	7.2	5.2	19.8
3.52	Pacer Systems▲	75	...	...	5.9	∞
5.51	Pascoes	36	...	...	...	...
356.70	Pentland	99	-6	...	4.0	∞
161.60	Photo-Me	272 †	-23	4.7	2.2	16.4
1,531.20	Pilkington	794	-5	...	1.7	...
104.00	Plantsbrook	104	-1	3.4	4.2	∞
264.30	Polypipe	169	-3	...	1.6	21.6
21.70	Porter Chadbn	23	...	...	2.2	10.5
235.30	Powerscreen	273	-22	...	3.1	14.2
38.80	Prospect Inds	22 †	...	...	4.5	12.8
8.67	RPS Group▲	74	-1	2.3	3.9	16.4
1.36	Radiant Metal	100	+5	...	...	...
28.00	Ramco Oil▲	154	...	1.0	0.8	51.6
3,441.30	Rank Org	1046	-34	...	3.7	22.7
11.40	Ransomes	20	-2	...	...	...
2,446.80	Reckitt Colm	653	-30	...	3.2	15.0
31.60	Record	95	...	3.6	4.9	∞
4.83	Reece	3½	-¼	...	...	...
54.80	Relyon	261	-23	5.2	2.5	∞
139.10	Renishaw	285	+5	...	2.9	35.5
94.10	Renold	143	-3½	...	1.5	...
5,519.70	Reuters	2048	-30	...	1.6	28.2
13.50	Rexmore	87	+3	2.0	2.9	...
55.00	Ricardo Group	174	-9	...	4.1	24.7
5.86	Richard (Leics)	70	...	3.7	6.7	...
30.20	Richardson West	105	...	3.0	3.6	26.9
10.20	Ropner	155	...	8.2	6.7	22.0
23.90	-do- 'A'	152	...	8.2	6.8	21.5
24.70	Ross Gp	19	-1	0.6	4.3	7.8
163.50	Rotork	186	-3	...	2.5	21.8
31.40	Rubicon	160 †	...	...	3.4	20.2
16.50	Russell (A)	71	...	...	0.9	...
29.80	SEP Ind	37 †	...	0.8	2.7	∞
739.40	SKF 'B'	1159½	-53½	...	...	...
562.40	Scapa	238	-6½	...	3.0	17.7
127.00	Scholl	189	-3	...	4.2	13.8
152.80	Scotia	245	+1	...	...	...
51.10	Securicor	1231 †	-5	...	0.3	36.4
705.80	-do- 'A'	919 †	-34	...	0.4	27.1
959.40	Security Serv	784 †	-23	...	0.9	29.9
344.10	Senior Eng	143	-3	...	2.4	23.9
98.30	Seton Health	319	-1	...	2.8	18.8
8.77	Shiloh	153	-2	3.0	2.5	16.5
181.90	Sidlaw	332	-4	...	4.0	16.5
2,589.40	Siebe	605 †	-11	...	2.1	21.3
162.80	Silentnight	345	-3	...	2.9	18.7
2,398.10	Sime Darby	153	-3	...	3.2	16.5
106.60	Simon Eng	106	-14	...	...	...
48.80	Sinclair (Wm)	224	-1	...	3.9	18.0
22.60	Six Hundred	42	+3	...	4.5	...
1,555.50	Smith & Neph	147½	-3	...	4.4	∞
5,360.60	SmithKline	391 †	-5	...	3.5	15.8
4,669.80	Smkline Uts	358 †	-6	...	3.8	14.4
1,478.60	Smiths Ind	495	+4	...	3.0	19.9
91.80	Stan Bas	95	...	...	4.9	4.9
39.20	Spandex▲	550	-33	...	1.5	24.4
32.80	Spear (JW)	630	+125	19.0	3.9	∞
316.20	Spirax-Sarco	409	...	...	2.8	25.7
285.10	Spring Ram	83 †	-10	...	1.0	...
288.70	Staveley	232½	-5	...	4.6	13.1
66.40	Sterling Ind	237	-1	...	3.1	36.3
219.80	Suter	303	+1	...	5.9	17.2
	Swire Pacific 'A'	455½	-13½	...	2.0	∞
13.40	Sycamore	4	+¼	...	2.8	...
5.18	Sykes-Pick	51	...	3.0	7.5	9.8
28.90	Syltone	173	-3	...	3.5	25.0
1,864.00	TI	400	-30	...	3.6	∞
13.00	TLS Range▲	3½	-2	0.2	0.9	...
370.30	TT Group	362	+7	...	2.3	22.3
343.30	Takare	224	-5	...	0.8	23.9
7,170.40	Takeda Chem	820	+9	...	0.8	15.5
2.93	Tex Hldgs	46	-2	...	...	...
6.99	Tinsley (E)▲	97	...	...	7.2	16.7
24.00	Titon▲	220	...	...	2.4	18.3
2,806.20	Tomkins	251 †	-7	...	3.3	18.5
1,139.40	Trafalgar H	107 †	-3	...	3.8	...
86.80	Transfer Tech	93	-1	3.2	4.3	11.7
104.70	Triplex Lloyd	162	+1	...	5.4	19.5
434.40	UniChem	304	...	6.4	2.6	19.9
80.20	Unidare	430 †	-8	...	2.4	23.4
15.30	Unigroup	49	-2	...	...	...
8,785.80	Unilever	1082	-24	25.0	2.9	∞
11,654.20	Unilever (NV)	7440½	+165½	...	2.8	12.3
6.53	Utd Inds	17½ #	...	...	...	...
394.20	VSEL	1080	-8	...	3.7	11.2
31.60	Verson	22	-2	...	...	...
588.40	Vickers	179	-1	...	2.1	22.2
138.80	Victaulic	314	...	...	3.2	∞
209.10	Vinten	510	-1	...	1.8	23.7
246.60	Vosper Thorny	708	...	...	2.6	18.5
10.70	WEP Hldgs	45	...	...	7.5	11.7
229.80	Wagon Ind	520	+1	...	4.2	22.9
29.30	Wakebourne	5½	-¼	...	...	10.1
102.10	Walker Greenbk	106	-1	3.1	3.7	22.0
431.10	Wassall	282½	-1½	2.7	1.2	28.5
353.10	Waterford Wdgwd	47	+3	...	...	...
513.00	Weir	328	-10	...	2.3	18.5
5,442.40	Wellcome	622	-30	...	3.4	13.3
8.70	Wellman	27	-¼	0.9	4.2	44.1
184.60	West Hlthcare	362 †	-14	...	1.3	23.3
125.10	Whatman	544	-3	9.7	2.2	18.4
78.60	Whessoe	257	+3	...	4.0	12.1
45.90	Whitecroft	103	-2	...	...	...
10.90	Widney	12	-¼	...	...	...
28.20	Wilkes (James)	160	-1	3.5	...	46.8
1,947.30	Williams Hldg	395	...	12.5	4.0	20.7
39.60	Wilshaw	48	...	...	1.4	30.9
2,389.70	Wolseley	895	+15	...	1.9	26.7
3.10	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	1.5	1.2	56.5
14.90	Wyko	45	...	...	1.4	...
12.90	Young (H)	78	-2	...	5.3	...

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Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
489.40	Alex & Alex	1281½	-56½	...	5.2	...
3,737.40	Am Gen	1725	-31½	...	4.5	...
20.80	Archer	57	-2	...	2.2	...
78.30	Bradstock	133 †	-4	...	5.2	15.0
817.90	Britannic	633	-24	...	3.4	...
92.20	CLM Insur	107	...	...	...	...
3,213.70	Com Union	578 †	-27	...	5.4	19.1
131.40	Dom & Gen	1933	+175	...	1.6	25.4
121.30	FAI	49	-3	...	1.0	...
61.80	Fenchurch Grp	17½	-7	...	5.1	15.7
2,779.50	Gen Accident	603	-43	...	5.9	13.0
1,666.60	GRE	192	-5	...	5.1	2.6
246.90	Heath C E	381	-9	...	5.2	...
90.70	Hogg Gp	140	-4	8.1	7.3	12.7
127.00	Independent Ins	290	...	...	3.6	26.6
228.10	JIB Group	180	-3	...	5.2	18.4
2,383.60	Legal & Gen	467	-29	...	5.2	28.4
3,007.10	Liberty Life	1200½	+6½	...	2.4	20.5
294.00	LIMIT	103	-1	...	...	...
2,751.20	Lloyds Abbey	396 †	-8	...	5.7	12.7
195.40	Lloyd Thomp	289	...	6.7	2.9	18.0
471.90	Londn & Man	391	-7	14.7	4.7	38.8
123.50	Lowndes Lmb	435	-6	16.0	4.0	15.6
3,969.60	Marsh McLn	5412½	-137½	...	3.3	...
76.60	Nelson Hurst	174	+4	...	4.0	17.4
25.80	Ortel	125	-1	...	5.0	...
24.50	PWS	80 †	-1	...	6.2	14.8
5,940.90	Prudential	314	-11	...	4.9	20.9
549.30	Refuge	351	-28	11.3	4.1	∞
1,726.30	Royal	266 †	-19	...	3.5	12.1
1,024.70	Sedgwick	199 †	+2	...	3.8	22.0
54.80	Steel Burrill	117	-3	...	12.8	6.9
37.90	Sturge Hldgs	75 †	-3	...	5.0	63.7
2,598.60	Sun Alliance	320½	-21½	14.2	5.6	...
160.80	Trade Indemnty	88	...	...	...	...
1,262.20	Transatlantic	419 ↓	-4	...	3.6	37.3
502.70	Utd Friendly	613	-27	15.1	3.1	26.7
948.20	Willis Corroon	227	+19	...	3.7	32.3
8.62	Windsor	25½	-¼	...	...	20.0



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987.60	Alliance	1900	-21	45.5	3.0	...
77.30	BZW Conv	133	+1½	7.8	6.4	...
308.30	Bankers	199	-3½	...	2.3	...
177.50	Baring Tribne	346 †	+1	...	2.4	...
12.50	Berry Starq	240	...	2.2	1.1	...
36.30	Br Assets	104½	-4	...	5.1	...
125.00	Br Empire Sec	94	...	...	1.2	...
4.92	-do- Wnts	37	+¼	...	...	...
655.20	Br Inv	210	-3	4.6	2.7	...
160.60	Brunner	291 †	-1	...	2.6	...
45.30	Contl Asset	208 †	+1	...	1.8	...
18.10	Derby Inc	153	...	...	12.9	...
43.20	-do- Cap	285	+5	...	...	...
11.80	Drayton Blue	43	...	8.4	11.3	...
90.00	-do- Eng Intl	102	...	1.0	1.2	...
161.30	-do- Far East	139½	-5½	...	0.6	...
36.80	-do- Korea	160	-2½	0.5	0.4	...
233.60	Dunedn Inc G	737	-4	26.1	4.5	∞
40.60	-do- Japan	101½	-2	...	...	...
5.68	-do- Warrants	71	-1	...	...	...
263.60	-do- Wwde	787	-8	...	1.5	...
55.10	Dundee & Lon	328	...	...	3.4	...
940.20	Edinburgh	330	-6½	8.5	3.3	...
547.00	Electra Inv	316	-2	...	2.8	...
182.60	Electric Gen	202	-1	3.1	1.9	...
1.57	English Scot	119 ‡	...	...	...	...
83.30	European Asset	334	...	...	1.6	∞
32.70	Finsbury 'N'	157	+1	3.0	2.4	...
211.20	Fleming Amer	319 †	-4	...	0.6	...
60.50	Fleming Chinese	100½	-¼	...	...	...
6.90	-do- Warrants	57½	-3½	...	...	...
123.50	-do- Claver	232	-3	5.5	3.0	∞
236.40	Do Contl	362	...	2.7	0.9	...
95.60	-do- Entp	239 †	-5	...	2.5	...
556.40	-do- F East	368	-3	1.1	0.4	...
49.60	-do- Fledg	394 †	-2	3.0	1.0	∞
34.20	-do- Hi Inc	105½	-¼	...	5.2	...
300.00	-do- Japan	260	...	...	0.2	...
455.20	-do- Merc	315	-5	6.7	2.7	∞
415.70	-do- Overs	313 †	-8	4.2	1.7	...
1,508.20	Foreign & Col	287	-2	3.5	1.5	∞
117.10	-do- Emg Mkts	117	-3	0.2	0.3	...
67.20	-do- Enterprise	72 †	...	0.6	1.0	∞
147.50	-do- Eurotrust	245	-2	...	0.6	...
49.50	-do- German	126	+3	0.5	0.5	...
363.30	-do- Pacific	341	-2	...	0.8	...
189.60	-do- Smaller	187½	...	1.8	1.3	...
176.00	GT Japan	282	-9	...	0.6	...
34.40	Genl Cons Cap	190	-1	...	...	...
39.50	-do- Inc	109 †	+3	...	10.0	...
43.40	Govett Am Smlr	174	-1	...	...	...
43.60	-do- Eng Mkts	122	-8	...	...	...
48.00	Govett High Inc	98	-1	...	7.0	...
684.70	-do- Oriental	381	-6	0.9	0.3	...
305.40	-do- Strategy	321	-5	...	2.7	...
54.00	Greenfriar	470 †	+2	...	1.8	...
0.81	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
65.30	Herald	100½	+¼	...	...	...
341.40	Inv Cap	138	-1	...	4.6	...
31.00	IRS UK Smllr	107	-1	2.3	3.3	...
175.00	Kleinwort Chrt	216 †	-1	...	3.0	...
198.00	-do- O'seas	249	-3	3.4	1.7	∞
21.40	-do- Smlr	162	-3	...	2.7	∞
170.00	Law Debenture	249	-5	18.5	3.1	...
112.90	Majedie	215	...	...	2.9	...
290.50	Merchants	234	-1½	...	4.8	...
8,726.20	Merrill Lynch	2712½	+25	...	...	...
419.80	Monks Inv Tst	341	-15	...	1.5	...
58.00	Morg Gren Inc	146	+1	...	3.9	...
2.47	Do Warrants	51	...	...	...	...
34.80	Murray Ent	131	-3	...	1.9	∞
46.90	-do- Pt 1994	£260	...	...	...	...
1.88	-do- Warrants	39	-2	...	...	...
18.90	Murray Euro	63	-¼	0.1	0.3	...
1.23	Do Wts	20½	+¼	...	...	...
295.80	Murray Income	391 †	-10	11.5	4.0	∞
439.90	-do- Intl	366	-8	11.6	4.0	∞
271.50	-do- Small	494	-17	...	1.1	...
6.64	-do-S/C Inc	83 †	-1	...	16.0	...
8.12	-do-S/C Cap	145	+5	...	...	...
1.76	-do-S/C Uts	3400 †	...	...	3.9	...
9.86	-do-S/C DP	154	...	...	...	...
83.70	-do- Vent	339	...	...	4.0	...
32.90	Nthrbrg Inc	84	...	6.7	10.2	...
139.80	O'seas Inv Tst	307	-4	...	1.1	...
100.40	Pacific Assets	507	-14	1.2	0.5	∞
13.50	Do Warrants	415	-11	...	...	...
14.10	Personal Assets	9250	...	190	2.6	...
317.50	RIT Cap Ptnr	176	...	1.1	0.8	...
23.10	River & Merc	115 †	-1	...	10.0	∞
	Robeco	469	+1	...	2.8	...
	Rolinco	468	-15	...	1.7	...
115.60	St Andrew Inv	336	-1	7.8	2.9	∞
374.50	Scot American	167½	-3½	...	3.5	...
62.00	Scot Asian	295	+4	...	...	...
5.90	do Warrants	843	-12	...	...	...
548.10	-do- Eastern	86½	-2½	1.5	2.3	∞
593.00	Scottish	233	-7	...	2.6	...
106.80	-do- Mtge	232	-4½	4.0	2.2	...
62.10	-do- Value	123½	-¼	...	1.8	...
315.60	Second Alince	1844 †	-3	...	3.0	...
305.90	Secs Tst of Scot	99½	-2½	3.2	4.5	...
50.60	Selective Asset	175 †	+1	...	1.0	...
58.20	Sphere Inv	48	+2	3.4	8.9	∞
70.40	TR Far East	189 †	-4	...	3.7	...
312.60	TR City Of Lon	157	-4½	...	3.9	...
132.70	TR Pacific	198	-7	0.3	0.2	∞
111.60	TR Property	39½	...	0.9	2.9	...
53.10	TR Tech Inv	146	+6½	1.7	1.5	...
378.70	TR Smlr Cos	212½	-4½	...	2.2	...
308.60	Temple Bar	364 †	-3	...	4.7	...
110.00	Thmtn Asian E	110	-5	0.5	0.6	...
255.20	Throgmorton	84 †	-1	...	3.4	...
17.60	Thmg Dual Cp	503	-5	...	...	...
93.70	USDC Invest	258	+1	4.5	2.3	∞
50.10	Value Inc Tst	117	-5	4.0	4.3	...
878.30	Witan	234 †	-3½	...	3.1	...

LEISURE

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
462.40	Airtours	505	-33	...	2.2	17.1
27.50	Ald Leis	43	-1	...	8.7	14.0
291.90	Anglia TV	650	+16	...	1.8	30.1
18.90	Baldwin	99 †	-7	3.5	4.4	∞
31.50	Barr & W 'A'	321	+33	10.0	3.9	20.7
50.70	Boosey Hwks	1300	...	22.0	2.1	19.5
17.80	Border TV▲	774 †	-6	3.6	2.6	14.2
19.30	Brent Walker	5½	+¼	...	...	...
7.47	Bristol Evnts	123	-2	...	...	...
7.23	Buckingham Intl	6	...	...	...	...
5.72	Campari	80	-3	8.7	19.9	...
273.80	Capital Radio	389	...	...	1.8	34.3
2,167.80	Carlton Comm	993 †	+10	...	2.4	22.7
19.70	Castle Comm▲	282	+5	...	1.9	19.4
786.80	Central TV	2925	...	39.0	1.7	31.9
36.80	Chrysalis	141 †	+1	3.2	2.0	...
649.60	Compass Gp	721 †	+5	...	2.2	20.1
66.50	Eurocamp	253 †	-7	9.7	4.8	10.4
723.40	Euro Disney	429½	+41	...	2.7	...
31.80	Euro Leisure	4	+¼	...	...	...
40.00	Ex-Lands	36	-4	...	1.2	...
13.40	Fairline Boats	383 †	+3	...	3.4	36.0
521.20	First Leisure	319 †	...	...	2.6	21.6
377.70	Flextech▲	405	-14	0.5	0.1	...
61.60	GWR Gp▲	973 †	-5	9.0	1.2	∞
40.20	Grampian	285	-1	6.5	2.9	19.7
1.12	Greenwich Cmtl▲	16	...	...	...	...
99.90	HTV Group	144½	-4½	1.0	0.9	∞
44.70	Hi-Tec Sports	92	...	...	3.1	...
37.50	Kunick	15½	-¼	...	...	14.8
748.80	LWT Hldgs	722	-1	...	0.9	33.4
85.00	Man Utd	687	-3	...	3.5	28.1
15.60	Northern	48	+7	...	...	9.2
198.40	Owners Abrd	124 †	+1½	3.5	3.5	∞
38.10	The Pelican Gp	84	...	1.1	1.6	19.7
14.70	Prism Leisure▲	175	-3	3.5	2.5	16.2
8.89	Quadrant Grp	38	-2	...	...	...
19.50	Ramsdens (H)	228 †	-6	4.5	2.5	∞
52.90	Scott Radio▲	588	+3	...	2.0	26.2
255.50	Scot TV	530	-9	10.3	2.4	28.1
48.20	SelecTV▲	33½	-2	...	...	...
30.30	Southern Radio	107	-4	...	1.5	47.4
184.10	Stanley Leisure	346 †	...	...	1.9	28.0
8.40	Sunset & Vine	143	...	3.5	3.0	22.4
1,294.80	Tamjong	349½	...	...	0.5	18.7
15.50	Ticketing▲	1½	-¼	...	...	...
13.00	Tottenham Hot	81	-1	...	3.1	31.0
64.00	Trans World▲	184	-4	1.3	1.0	59.4
76.00	Ulster TV	724	-2	12.0	2.1	22.2
107.50	Vardon	147	+1	1.1	1.0	∞
172.50	Yorkshire TV	343	+5	3.3	1.2	...
8.22	Zenact Gp	125	...	8.0	8.0	14.1

MINING

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
7,664.00	Ang Am	3297½	+56½	...	2.1	27.9
491.20	Ang Am Coal	1950	+100½	...	4.7	10.1
1,402.20	Ang Am Gold	5806½	+153½	...	3.9	26.0
26.00	Anglo Pac Res▲	33½	+2	...	...	...
49.20	Bakyrchik	328	+28	...	...	...
34.30	Blyvoors	143	+9	...	...	...
4.19	Bracken	30 †	-¼	...	29.5	5.2
78.70	Buffels	713½	+2½	...	9.1	6.4
8.82	Bute	3½	...	...	...	...
4,821.20	CRA	812½	-3½	...	2.6	26.0
39.20	Chief Res	54	+2½	...	...	...
6,225.90	De Beers	1637½	-37½	...	3.4	∞
99.40	Deelkraal	99½	-¼	...	2.0	7.3
16.00	Doornfontein	40	-¼	...	...	...
1,535.90	Driefontein	753	+14½	...	4.4	12.4
13.20	Durban	565½	+12½	...	...	...
55.90	E Rand Gold	121½	+9	...	9.0	3.6
115.90	E Rand Prop	87½	-¼	...	...	...
338.90	Elandsrand	349½	+5½	...	5.6	∞
1,079.00	FS Cons	900½	+1	...	7.1	11.7
3.89	FS Dev	40	+3	...	...	...
1,362.00	GFSA	1412½	+31½	...	2.8	23.7
2,050.80	Gencor	149½	+5½	...	4.4	16.7
367.00	GM Kalgoorli	69½	+4½	...	2.0	28.1
13.30	Greenwich R 'A'	16	-¼	...	...	...
14.50	Grootvlei	126½	+9	...	7.9	8.0
101.10	Harmony	376	+10½	...	...	...
378.40	Hartbees	336	-2½	...	8.4	8.4
35.10	Imcoa	17	-¼	...	...	14.0
615.50	Impala Plat	977½	+84½	...	2.9	31.9
10.90	Kenmare Res▲	14½	-¼	...	...	...
172.20	Kinross	950½	...	...	6.5	10.6
974.00	Kloof	694	-5½	...	3.6	8.0
12.60	Leslie	78½	+2½	...	14.4	4.2
31.60	Loraine	193	+9½	...	...	...
163.40	Lydenburg	1035	+75	...	3.1	...
2,052.10	MIM	148½	+13	...	1.6	63.7
3,163.40	Minorco	1404	+42	...	2.8	16.6
7,103.60	Nth Bkn Hill	166½	+2½	...	3.0	25.6
322.60	Orange Free	2321½	-28½	...	5.5	13.7
8,882.10	RTZ	834	-13	...	3.1	25.3
111.80	Rand Mines	187½	...	...	6.0	7.1
386.20	Randfontein	599	+28½	...	6.9	6.0
495.30	Renison	229	+14	...	2.0	23.7
1,616.00	Rustenburg	1280½	+97½	...	2.5	28.5
63.30	St Helena	657½	+32½	...	6.4	13.8
482.40	Southvaal	1856½	+34½	...	5.0	...
10.30	Stilfontein	78½	-¼	...	26.3	14.7
23.20	Unisel	119½	+12½	...	3.8	11.0
7,571.00	Vaal Reefs	6356½	+265½	...	4.2	...
214.70	Welkom	607½	-¼	...	5.6	13.5
238.80	Western Areas	592½	+22	...	4.5	4.1
751.60	Western Deep	2712½	+95½	...	4.1	∞
3,320.90	Wstrn Mining	340	+12½	...	1.6	...
92.20	Winkels	750½	+49½	...	6.1	7.3
71.10	Zambia Copper	58	+1	...	...	...
87.20	Zandpan	52	...	...	8.9	17.2

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5.26	Abbey Panels	263	...	...	...	...
9.82	Airflow Stream	115	+2	3.0	3.3	11.1
97.60	Appleyard	159	-3	...	4.1	...
17.70	Bletchley Mtr	385	-18	...	3.0	19.6
36.30	Bostrom	230	...	6.0	3.3	40.7
1,931.60	Br Aerospace	511 †	+9	...	2.0	44.9
48.60	Burndene	46	-2	...	4.8	12.4
14.00	Caffyns	423	-15	11.5	3.4	22.4
37.40	Caverdale	20½	+1½	...	...	...
15.80	Central Mtr▲	118 †	-7	...	4.2	20.2
16.10	Cook (DC)▲	37½	+¼	0.9	3.0	21.3
467.90	Cowie (T)	327	-1	7.8	3.1	∞
33.00	Dag Motors	195	...	5.7	3.7	35.3
28.50	Davenprt Vern	152 †	-1	...	3.5	15.1
32.50	ERF	331	...	2.0	0.8	...
56.20	European Mtr	150	+1	...	3.1	21.1
112.50	Evans Halshaw	521	+7	11.4	2.7	...
213.90	FR Group	284	-5	...	3.2	13.2
21,247.20	Ford Motor	4318½	+56½	...	...	...
29,443.10	General Mtr	4143½	+81½	...	1.3	...
7.34	Gowrings	81	-1	2.0	3.1	...
138.90	Henlys	348	-4	7.5	2.8	∞
10,698.70	Honda Motor	1098½	-11½	...	0.8	...
4.44	Jacks (Wm)	41	...	...	...	...
8.64	Jessups	89	-3	4.5	6.3	...
276.90	Kwik-Fit	161	-2	...	2.7	22.8
523.70	Lex Service	553	+4	...	2.6	30.2
52.70	Lookers	275	...	...	3.0	28.4
1,590.80	Lucas	215	-5	...	4.1	...
24.40	Malaya Grp	27½	...	...	...	...
118.40	Pendragon	307	-2	...	2.6	25.2
58.70	Perry Gp	234	...	...	3.8	...
48.70	Quicks Group	212	-1	...	2.8	27.1
2,193.50	Rolls-Royce	179½	+5½	...	3.5	∞
1,195.50	T & N	238	-5	...	5.7	∞
140.80	Trinity Hldgs	224	+3	...	2.5	25.6
97.30	Vardy (Reg)	213	-5	...	2.5	24.9
332.10	Westland	325	-4	...	1.7	22.8

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
51.20	Adscene	323 †	-2	5.7	2.2	33.1
5.20	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	13.7
313.80	Blenheim Gp	340	-5	...	3.5	12.7
66.80	Bristol	410	+10	...	3.3	37.0
74.70	Daily Mail	1497½	-21½	...	1.2	35.0
1,243.00	Daily Mail 'A'	1246½	-53½	...	1.5	29.2
162.00	Dorling Kind	284	+4	...	1.6	23.9
4,134.40	Elsevier	6307½	+75	...	1.5	21.6
727.00	EMAP	419	-16	...	2.4	29.8
328.70	Euromoney Pb	1600	...	...	3.0	28.1
17.90	Harrington K	178	+5	4.9	3.5	∞
71.10	Haynes Pub	485	+2	...	1.9	25.4
136.70	Hodder H'line	392	+2	3.1	1.6	33.3
17.40	Home Counts	170	...	5.2	1.9	...
74.00	Ind Bus Comm	192	...	...	...	27.8
7.75	Int Cm & Data▲	12	-1	...	...	...
380.40	Independent	485	...	...	2.9	...
205.70	Johnston Press	668	+15	6.5	1.2	28.9
37.20	Metal Bulletn	381	+25	10.0	3.3	∞
741.30	Mirror Gp	185	+12	...	...	...
8,434.90	News Corp	458½	-11	...	0.3	...
1,919.90	News Intl	278	-3	...	0.6	17.1
3,346.80	Pearson	680	-13	...	2.2	37.0
90.60	Portsmth Sund	755	-3	...	1.6	20.8
4,945.60	Reed Intl	880	-15	...	2.5	38.3
37.90	Southnews	247	-1	2.3	1.2	45.7
85.60	Sterling Pub▲	200	...	...	1.9	24.3
792.70	Telegraph	588	-19	...	2.8	18.9
4,982.70	Thomson Corp	875 †	-40	30.1	4.3	43.7
315.80	Trinity Intl	461	-7	9.0	2.4	27.6
1.63	Unit Group▲	30	...	...	...	...
1,658.90	Utd Nwspapers	681	+6	...	3.9	18.9

OILS, GAS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
73.20	Aran Energy	28	-¼	...	...	27.3
24.10	Arcon Intl▲	42	+2	...	...	...
	Ass Oil & Gas	70	-¼	...	...	...
17.00	Aviva Pet	54	...	...	...	...
2.61	Beverley	7½	-¼	...	...	14.6
100.80	Br Borneo	224	+3	7.1	4.0	6.8
13,044.40	British Gas	301	-18	...	6.2	...
19,150.60	Br Petroleum	351 †	-12	...	3.0	20.8
18.80	Bula Resources	2½	-¼	...	...	...
1,599.00	Burmah Castl	820	-2	...	3.8	19.1
37.90	Cairn Energy	58½	...	...	...	8.4
547.30	Calor Gp	325	-6	...	4.6	17.7
161.80	Clyde Pet	42	+¼	...	...	...
34.00	Coplex Res	27½	+2½	...	...	...
4.17	Edin Oil & Gas▲	24	-1½	...	...	25.9
2,022.10	Enterprise	411	-27	16.0	4.9	∞
122.80	Exp Co Louis	45	-3	...	...	...
37.20	Fairhaven Intl	29½	-¼	...	4.5	8.6
61.90	Fortune	6	-¼	...	...	...
83.10	Goal Pet	62	...	1.4	2.8	11.9
43.00	Gt Western Res	38	-2	...	...	...
175.00	Hardy O & G	155	+1	...	0.8	14.4
74.00	Kelt Energy	48	...	...	...	...
953.30	LASMO	127	-4	...	3.2	28.7
4.61	-do- Units	65	...	9.4	18.2	...
8.35	Mid Scot Res▲	4½	...	...	...	...
418.50	Monument	63	...	...	...	...
7.37	New London	6	...	...	...	...
15.30	Nth Sea Assets	29	...	1.0	4.3	10.0
134.70	Oil Search	44	+3	...	...	...
	Petrox	45	-1½	...	...	...
83.60	Pict Pet	142	...	...	...	...
138.00	Premier	25½	+¼	...	...	9.3
40.20	Presidio	158	...	...	4.2	...
339.70	Ranger	345	-30	...	4.7	...
37,395.00	Royal Dutch Pt	6975	-6½	...	4.4	∞
9,106.50	Schlumberger	3759½	-59½	...	2.1	...
28.80	Seafield	56	+1	...	...	...
22,906.70	Shell	691	-11	...	4.4	∞
3.95	Sunrise Eng Sv	135	...	...	...	...
22.20	Triton Europe	33	...	...	...	...
19.40	Villiers Grp	16¼	-¼	...	...	...
1,303.80	Woodside	195½	+¼	...	1.9	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
31.00	AG Holdings	172	...	...	3.8	15.6
87.20	API	437	-11	...	2.5	26.2
2,522.80	Arjo Wiggins	265	-3	...	2.9	46.0
106.20	Abbott Mead	708	-10	10.5	1.9	∞
207.60	Aegis Gp	25½	-¼	...	...	...
26.40	Aspen Comms▲	19½	-4	4.9	3.2	17.6
1.99	BBB Design▲	24	...	...	...	...
144.70	Bemrose	468	-13	...	3.2	21.1
10.40	Birkdale	11½	+¼	...	...	...
787.10	Bunzl	181	+6	4.0	2.8	27.3
51.90	CIA Gp	390	-10	4.4	1.4	24.6
47.00	Capital Inds	170	+2	...	2.6	16.2
6.18	City of Lon▲	80	-7	...	6.0	14.8
35.60	Cropper (James)	432	...	3.2	0.9	41.7
9.49	Delyn Group	112	...	1.6	1.9	15.1
28.70	Dolphin Pack	128	-1	4.5	4.5	31.1
9.69	Dudley Jenkins▲	81 †	...	...	4.9	17.7
28.90	Elswick	14	+¼	...	2.7	15.7
28.10	Fairway Group▲	91	...	...	4.7	18.1
137.60	Ferguson Intl	417	...	...	3.7	18.9
19.90	Ferry Pick	145	...	...	5.0	∞
48.90	Filofax▲	207½	...	...	0.9	26.8
3.96	Finch	10	...	...	...	...
13.30	Gibbon Lyons▲	146	...	5.2	4.5	16.5
62.90	Gold Greenlees	239 †	...	8.4	4.4	21.6
12.50	Goodhead	31	+1	...	0.2	∞
9.84	Hunterprint	17	+1	...	...	...
6.95	Intereurope	136	...	...	7.3	12.0
90.60	Jarvis Porter	285	...	...	2.1	26.6
15.40	Lopex	29	...	...	...	...
12.30	MMT	35	+3	...	...	...
137.50	More O'Ferrall	423	+1	13.2	3.9	30.6
53.70	MWC Group	122	-3	2.7	2.8	18.8
18.00	Osborne & Little	226	...	...	2.2	32.4
12.80	Osprey Comms	49	...	...	0.2	...
408.80	Portals	631	+53	...	3.2	18.0
7.95	Premier Hlth	3½	...	...	...	...
61.40	Quarto	334	-2	...	2.2	20.6
380.20	St Ives Gp	384	-11	...	1.8	25.3
323.50	Saatchi	147	+7	...	...	...
837.00	Sappi	557½	+12½	...	5.9	10.6
21.50	Seril	29	...	...	...	...
47.40	Shandwick	59½	+¼	...	...	...
788.50	Smith David	510 †	+3	...	2.5	34.8
1,571.10	Smurfit (Jeff)	321	-1	...	1.6	7.8
2.24	Somic	112	-2	2.5	2.8	45.9
53.50	Stat-Plus	349	...	8.8	4.5	∞
20.00	Taylor Nelson	32	-¼	0.3	1.3	26.9
11.00	VTR▲	141	+1	...	3.3	21.3
619.40	WPP	119	-3	...	1.1	17.1
185.80	Wace	237	+2	...	0.5	...
203.40	Waddington (J)	253	-1	...	4.0	19.0
336.20	Watmough	504	+14	...	1.5	39.5
5.14	Westport▲	4½	...	...	...	...
2.31	Whitney Mick▲	35	...	...	...	...
16.80	Wyndeham	102 †	...	...	1.8	21.9

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
80.00	Allied Lon	115	-4	...	3.8	20.8
30.00	Arcadian	43	...	...	...	...
28.80	Ascot Hldgs	7½	-¼	...	...	...
92.90	Asda	118	-10	...	2.3	12.4
69.90	Avonside	161	-4	4.1	3.2	22.5
7,984.50	BCE▲	2408½	+50	...	...	...
314.30	Bilton	716	-19	16.9	3.3	25.9
54.30	Bourne End	102	+1	...	1.2	...
331.50	Bradford	231	-21	5.9	3.2	23.4
6.97	Bredero	19	-2½	...	...	...
1,187.80	Br Land	398	-39	...	2.3	36.0
484.50	Brixton	209	-26	...	5.0	16.6
313.50	Burford	105½	+1¼	...	1.7	34.0
86.40	Cap & Regnl▲	190 †	-5½	...	1.0	∞
8.27	Cardiff Prop	380 †	+15	...	1.0	67.1
269.10	Chelsfield	172	-5	...	1.7	...
137.40	Chesterfield	650	-13	11.5	2.2	46.5
12.50	City Site Ests	81	...	...	...	...
13.00	Clarke Nickolls	24	...	...	...	...
3.85	Compco	285	...	12.9	6.0	61.8
55.00	Conrad Rtblt GS	46 †	-6	...	...	...
265.70	Daejan	1630 †	-30	...	2.1	30.1
5.25	Dares Estates	15	-2½	...	...	...
61.00	Debenham Twsn	147	-1	...	2.8	27.9
7.08	De Morgan	15	...	...	...	...
32.50	Dencora	182	-5	3.0	2.1	...
82.40	Derwent Hldgs	708	+5	8.7	1.5	...
80.80	Development Sec	37½	-2	...	...	...
30.30	Dwyer	59	-3	...	...	...
27.60	Estates Agency	460	...	...	2.1	54.7
6.95	Estates Gen	32½	-2½	...	...	...
163.10	Evans Of Leeds	123	-6	...	2.4	21.7
53.60	Five Oaks	34½	-¼	...	...	...
6.68	Fletcher King	77	-1	1.0	1.6	51.0
248.50	Frogmore	492	-19	...	4.1	23.7
63.30	Grainger	316	-4	...	2.1	56.5
495.60	Gt Portland	228	-11	...	4.4	21.8
175.50	Greycoat	19½	-¼	...	...	...
5,633.50	HK Land	216½	+4	...	2.9	28.5
243.60	Hambro Cntyw	74	-5	0.7	1.3	∞
1,009.00	Hammerson	402	-19	10.0	3.1	40.7
58.20	Helical Bar	358	-15	...	1.7	12.9
60.60	Hemingway	37	-¼	...	...	...
11.40	Herring Baker	71	...	3.7	6.6	17.4
4.90	Jermyn	245	+15	...	...	...
3,513.90	Land Sec	689	-24	21.1	4.2	20.5
263.90	Lon Merch Sec	108½	-4½	4.0	4.6	16.9
5.91	Lon & Metro	13	...	...	...	...
2,005.70	MEPC	486	-15	...	5.1	28.1
7.53	McInerney A	12½	...	...	...	...
41.90	McKay Secs	175 †	...	3.5	2.5	24.0
7.33	Markheath	6 #	...	...	...	...
10.20	Merivale Mre	75	...	...	...	...
14.50	Moorfield Est	43	-4	...	...	...
58.90	Mountview	1284½	+6½	22.0	2.1	13.4
171.80	Mucklow (A&J)	176	-3	...	4.5	26.9
11.80	Olives Prop	61	+3	...	...	...
22.90	ORB	1¼	-¼	...	...	...
211.40	PSIT	174 †	-6	4.3	3.1	34.5
285.70	Peel	358 †	-11	4.3	1.5	...
9.30	Power Corp	8	...	...	...	...
7.59	Property Trust	40	-1	...	...	11.4
47.10	Raglan	50	-3	...	...	...
39.20	Regalian	33½	-2	...	...	...
21.20	Rowlinson Secs	170	+10	1.5	1.1	21.2
63.90	St Modwen Prp	53 †	-2	...	2.4	22.2
71.00	Saville Grdn (I)	71 †	...	...	4.8	35.4
31.00	Savills	88	+3	...	2.5	34.0
119.10	Scot Met	92	-4	...	2.0	...
64.70	Shaftesbury	133	-1	...	...	...
1.35	Shield	14	+1½	...	...	7.3
1,019.50	Slough Estates	265	-14	...	3.8	18.5
97.80	Southend Prop	91	-2	...	3.3	...
69.70	Stanhope Prps▲	42	-5	...	...	...
110.90	Tops Ests	240 †	-2	2.1	1.1	...
155.80	Town Centre	152	-3	...	2.0	27.2
65.90	Trafford Park	97	-6	...	1.6	22.3
1.70	UK Land	41	...	...	...	...
17.40	Union Square	9	...	...	...	...
129.30	Warner	266 †	-22	...	3.2	23.6
95.20	Warnford	248 †	...	7.3	3.8	18.2
2.51	Warringlade	2½	-¼	...	...	...
137.30	Wates	89	-7	...	...	...
8.29	Wood John D▲	101	...	...	0.9	...

SHOES, LEATHER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2.34	Automagica▲	41	+8	...	...	...
79.90	Headlam	227	+4	...	1.7	51.2
23.00	Lambert	385	-15	13.2	4.3	9.6
13.70	Pittards	63	+1	1.5	3.0	18.0
42.60	Strong & Fisher	25	-1	1.0	5.2	∞
46.30	Stylo	242	-3	...	1.5	...
25.40	UK Safety	66	...	...	4.9	2.2

TEXTILES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
199.50	Allied Text	575 ↓	-5	...	2.8	19.9
7.94	Beckman (A)	65	...	...	6.9	13.9
3.66	Bolton Gp	40	-2	...	...	...
28.00	Br Mohair	211	...	8.5	5.0	19.8
3.62	Charnwell▲	58	+2	...	...	...
149.40	Claremont Ga	368	+15	7.1	2.8	∞
551.50	Courtauld Text	546	+2	13.9	3.2	14.9
2.51	Cupid▲	14	-8	...	...	...
239.00	Dawson	153	-5	...	6.2	11.6
6.18	Drummond	35	+1	...	...	...
9.11	Faupel▲	78	...	4.9	7.9	12.1
3.04	Foster (John)	27	-1	...	...	...
8.11	Gaskell	167	-1	4.2	3.2	...
38.80	Hicking Pntcst	236	-1	...	2.2	16.7
4.90	Jerome (S)	65	-5	...	0.4	...
139.70	Lamont	464	-6	12.0	3.2	30.7
96.10	Leeds	336	...	...	2.1	17.7
6.20	Lyles (S)	86	-7	...	4.8	...
44.90	Magellan	174	+9	1.4	1.0	...
22.00	Parkland	249	-4	...	0.8	...
210.50	Readicut	108½	+1	...	4.0	20.4
2.69	SEET	67	+2	...	...	...
73.30	Sirdar	137	+4	...	4.9	9.5
53.10	Stirling Gp	63	+1	1.9	3.8	17.4
28.10	Stoddard	40	-3	...	4.7	37.2
19.80	Tomkinsons	319	-6	...	4.5	27.1
17.80	West Trust	42 †	...	...	8.0	...
26.50	Yorklyde	265	...	...	2.5	17.4

TOBACCOS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
14,502.10	BAT	471	-17½	...	5.5	13.7
2,814.50	Rothmans	424	-21	...	3.7	13.3

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,082.30	Assoc Br Ports	576	+7	...	2.0	∞
5,033.40	BAA	985	-17	...	2.1	24.5
104.50	Badgerline	121	+1	...	4.2	∞
4,021.70	Br Airways	422	-12½	...	3.2	17.7
21.50	Clarkson (H)	96	-1	1.7	2.3	...
1,510.20	Eurotunnel Uts	561	+6	...	...	...
20.50	Fisher (James)	85	...	0.5	0.7	22.8
48.00	IoM Steam	297	...	...	3.7	15.0
11.00	Jacobs (JI)	50	+1	3.3	8.5	∞
78.20	Lon O'Seas Frt	107	-1	...	1.2	19.6
434.00	Mersey Docks	509 †	-4	9.0	2.2	∞
109.20	Ntnl Express	273	-2	...	3.3	28.2
1,801.50	NFC	260 †	+5	...	3.4	39.9
487.30	Ocean Group	316	+5	...	5.7	...
33.00	Ocean Wilson	83	...	4.0	6.0	15.0
3,999.50	P & O Dfd	680	-15	...	3.7	36.4
104.00	P & O 5 1/2%	156	...	...	4.4	...
446.90	Powell Duffryn	671	+3	...	4.2	21.3
22.60	Seacon▲	228 †	...	...	3.1	20.7
241.10	Stagecoach	194	...	...	2.4	23.6
566.80	TNT	100½	-4½	...	...	...
368.80	Tibbet & Britten	840	-30	12.6	1.9	32.2
30.80	Tiphook	46	-6	...	...	...
410.10	TDG	279	-32	...	4.4	∞
30.40	Ugland	127	-2	...	...	...

WATER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,500.70	Anglian Water	507 †	-4	...	5.3	9.0
62.20	Mid Kent Hldgs	364	...	...	3.7	13.4
455.30	Northumbrian	643 †	...	...	4.5	7.5
1,935.90	North West	519 †	-8	...	5.3	8.6
1,596.00	Severn Trent	556 †	...	...	4.9	8.1
941.40	Sthrn Water	581 †	-8	...	4.9	4.2
87.40	Sth Staffs	1568	-10	48.5	3.0	11.1
707.90	South West	565 †	-22	...	5.4	9.1
2,043.60	Thames Water	520	-12	...	5.2	9.1
940.10	Welsh Water	667 †	-8	...	4.7	6.5
797.50	Wessex Water	637 †	+2	...	4.4	10.1
1,050.40	Yorkshire W	526 †	-7	...	5.2	8.7

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; ↑ Ex rights issue; ↓ Ex All; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,300	Exch 13¼% 1994	101	–	13.35	4.80
1,900	Treas 10% 1994	101	–	9.88	4.89
1,240	Exch 12½% 1994	103	–	12.09	4.84
1,900	Treas 9% 1994	102	–	8.76	4.91
2,350	Treas 12% 1995	106	–	11.32	4.92
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	97	+	3.06	5.02
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	106	–	9.61	5.19
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	111	–	11.41	5.37
770	Treas 14% 1996	114	–	12.30	5.57
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	118	–	12.82	5.75
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	115	+	11.51	5.77
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	109	–	9.11	6.04
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	118	–	11.20	6.19
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	111	–	9.43	6.24
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	107	–	8.14	6.33
800	Exch 15% 1997	127	+	11.79	6.47
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	110	–	8.80	6.56
7,850	Treas 7¼% 1998	102 †	–	7.06	6.52
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101	–	6.63	5.19
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	125	–	11.13	6.80
935	Treas 15½% 1998	133 †	–	11.58	6.73
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	120	–	9.95	6.82
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	111	–	8.55	6.78

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
3,900	Treas 6% 1999	97 †	–	6.18	6.65
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	122 †	–	10.02	6.93
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	115	–	9.09	6.90
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	115	–	8.89	6.96
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	110	–	8.18	6.92
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	129	–	10.06	7.19
3,250	Treas 7% 2001	98	–	7.12	7.05
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	115	–	8.69	7.21
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	115	–	8.47	7.33
7,600	Treas 8% 2003	109	–	7.61	7.23
2,500	Treas 10% 2003	117	–	8.49	7.36
1,020	Treas 11½% 2001-04	122 †	–	9.41	7.40
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	78	–	4.49	6.45
3,250	Treas 6¾% 2004	96	–	7.00	7.22
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	119	–	8.24	7.40
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	115	–	8.21	7.40
2,300	Treas 12½% 2003-05	133	–	9.40	7.62
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	103 †	–	7.71	7.43
3,900	Treas 7¾% 2006	103	–	7.52	7.36
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	125	–	9.29	7.60
5,497	Treas 8½% 2007	109	–	7.78	7.39
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	140 †	–	9.60	7.63
5,321	Treas 9% 2008	114 †	–	7.88	7.40

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
3,100	Treas 8% 2009	105 †	–	7.57	7.40
4,273	Conv 9% 2011	115	-1	7.81	7.42
5,150	Treas 9% 2012	115	-1	7.78	7.43
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	83 †	–	6.59	7.20
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	104	–	7.44	7.37
4,950	Treas 8% 2013	105	-1	7.58	7.41
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	144	-2	8.32	7.62
6,950	Treas 8¾% 2017	114	-2	7.62	7.41

UNDATED

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,909	War Ln 3½%	47	–	7.42	...
475	Treas 2½%	32 †	–	7.69	

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Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
500	Treas IL 2% 1994	137	+	..	...
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	207 †	+	1.52	2.50
800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	110	+	1.75	2.41
1,500	Treas IL 2½% 2001	170 †	-1	2.56	2.92
1,050	Treas IL 2½% 2003	167	-1	2.76	3.05
850	Treas IL 4⅛% 2004	113	–	2.80	3.08
1,550	Treas IL 2% 2006	175	–	2.89	3.11
1,590	Treas IL 2½% 2009	156	–	3.09	3.28
1,800	Treas IL 2½% 2011	165	+	3.12	3.30
2,300	Treas IL 2½% 2013	136	–	3.17	3.33
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2016	145	–	3.22	3.38
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2020	140 †	–	3.27	3.40
1,900	Treas IL 2½% 2024	117	–	3.26	3.38

هكذا من الاصل

Ashanti's value to top $1.4bn

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ASHANTI Goldfields, the Lonrho-managed and 45 per cent owned Ghanaian gold mine, will have an imputed value of at least $1.4 billion when the pathfinder document is released in London. Ashanti shares are due to be relisted in London in mid-April, possibly April 17.

A rise in the world gold price and a raised profile after analysts' visits have helped to lift analysts' assessment of Ashanti's worth from $1 billion to a minimum of $1.4 billion.

The London listing, and a listing in Accra, follow the sale by the Ghanaian government of up to 25 per cent of its current 55 per cent stake in Ashanti. However, the listing timetable has been put back several times, and on Friday there was speculation of further delay. Not everyone in government thinks it wise to let control of Ashanti pass to foreign hands.

Ghana is the second-biggest gold producer in Africa, after South Africa, and Ashanti, which has been in continuous production since 1897, is Ghana's biggest single foreign exchange earner. For the year to September 30, Ashanti reported net earnings of $90.2 million, up from a 1992 net profit of $60.6 million.

Last year, the mine produced 770,000 ounces of gold and is heading for 860,000 this year. Its aim is a million ounces a year from 1995. Operating costs are $173 an ounce, one of the world's lowest figures for gold.

Ashanti will probably take advantage of the public float to raise additional working capital, possibly up to $5 million, towards expansion. Proceeds of the placing of up to 25 per cent of the equity will benefit the Ghanaian government, which, in 1983, launched an economic programme envisaging privatisation.

After the state's sale of part of its holding, Lonrho will again be Ashanti's largest single shareholder. Lonrho bought all of Ashanti on a price-earnings ratio of 11.2 in the 1960s, for £3 million, and the shares were delisted in London, where they had been traded since 1897. Lonrho's controlling stake was reduced as the government acquired a holding. Stock market visibility for one of Lonrho's more significant investments, which is in its books at a cost of about $100 million, has implications for Lonrho's net worth.

The pathfinder will indicate an expected price subscription range from which analysts will infer an overall valuation of at least $1.4 billion. A $17-a-share placing price implies valuation of $1.48 billion; $20 would imply $1.75 billion. The price is likely to make the shares comparable to leading South African gold shares, now on a price-earnings ratio around 17.

REPORT OF THE WEEK

Guinness expected to serve up lower profits

TONY Greener, chairman of **Guinness**, is set to report slightly lower annual profits on Thursday, in line with an earlier trading statement, but attention will focus on the drinks giant's prospects.

In January, Guinness rejigged its links with LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton, its French partner, and forecast that its 1993 pre-tax profit before exceptionals and after a recommenced UK pension charge, would be not less than £875 million. Analysts' forecasts range from £875 million to £880 million, compared with £920 million last time. A dividend of 12.8p (11.8p) is predicted.

Healthy consumption of Guinness and an increase in whisky sales, particularly in America and Britain, should help profits.

In January, Guinness sold its 24 per cent indirect investment in LVMH and acquired a 34 per cent holding in Moët Hennessy, LVHM's wines and spirits operation, while LVMH agreed to reduce its stake in Guinness from 24 to 20 per cent by June 1995.

Guinness said it would make an exceptional charge of £173 million in its 1993 accounts, covering the book loss on the disposal of the LVMH stake.



Only a little icing on interim profits is likely from Garry Weston at Fortnum & Mason

TODAY

Analysts expect a break-even performance from **Costain Group** at the full-year stage, compared with a loss of £149 million last time. Recovery prospects appear limited, in spite of last year's £83.9 million rights issue. The company is now focused on US mining and contracting after the sale of the group's property division and the Australian mining business. The 1993 profits will be boosted by a £68.5 million gain on the Australian disposal.

NatWest Securities predicts a slide in full-year profits at **English China Clays** to £65 million (£100 million). Forecasts range from £65 million to £91 million.

James Capel is looking for first-half pre-tax profits at **MAI**, Lord Hollick's money broking and media group which recently acquired Anglia Television, to advance to £38.5 million (£33.9 million).

Forecasts range from £38 million to £44 million. Profits should be boosted by a maiden contribution from Meridian, the ITV company, and buoyant market conditions in money and securities broking, as well as a solid performance from Wagon Finance.

Interims: Automagic Holdings, European Leisure, Johnson Group Cleaners (2ID), MAI. **Finals:** BSM Group, Calderburn, Costain Group, English China Clays, Fairey Group, Greggs, Guinness Peat Group, ISA International, JIB Group, Merchants Trust, Persimmon, Rugby Group, Scotia Holdings, Spring Ram Corporation, Stag Furniture Holdings, Takare, Watmoughs (Holdings). **Economic statistics:** national food survey: household food consumption (Q4), producer price index numbers (February).

TOMORROW

Analysts will be looking for full-year results at **Williams Holdings** to demonstrate the continuing cyclical recovery in its British and American markets. Forecasts for final pre-tax profits range from £150 million to £153 million after a £17 million provision for the sale of the engineering operations last year, which would compare with £157 million last time.

Speculation has increased that **Saatchi & Saatchi**, the advertising agency, may be a takeover target. It made £595 million losses in 1992 after writing off £600 million relating to goodwill associated with US acquisitions. UBS expects Saatchi to return to the black with £19 million. Again, no dividend is anticipated.

Credit Lyonnais Laing is looking for final pre-tax profits at **Medeva**, the pharmaceuticals group, to advance to £45 million against £36 million.

Interims: Castle Communications, Everest Foods, Paterson Zochonis, Scholes Group, Wolseley. **Finals:** Broadcastle, Crockfords, Delta, Emess, Evans Halshaw Holdings, Fleming Fledgeling IT, Greseby, Hampden Group, Heywood Williams Group, Lionheart, Medeva, Mirror Group Newspapers, Rea Brothers Group, Saatchi & Saatchi, Seafield Resources, Wassall, Williams Holdings, Wimpey Group. **Economic statistics:** company liquidity (Q4), construction — new orders (January), CBI survey of distributive trades (February).

WEDNESDAY

The market expects **Coats Viyella**, the textiles group, to report full-year pre-tax profits ahead to between £143 million and £155 million, compared with £109 million last time.

The company's trading statement, just before Christmas, said there was no reason to believe that the outcome for the year would be materially different from market expectations, in spite of generally difficult trading in the UK and Europe.

Schroders, the City merchant bank, is expected to report sharply higher final pre-tax profits of about £170 million (£64 million), according to Barclays de Zoete Wedd. Market forecasts range from £85 million to £170 million.

Interims: Exmoor Dual IT (2ID), Foreign & Colonial High Income Trust, Merivale Moore, Wescol Group. **Finals:** British Mohair, Britton Group, Church & Co, Coats Viyella, CU Environmental Trust, Chieftain Group, EFM Dragon Trust, EFT Group, Industrial Insurance Group, A Jones & Sons, Marley, Murray Euro IT, J. N Nichols (Vimto), Premier Consolidated Oilfields, Schroders, Sleepy Kids, Spandex, Specialeyes, Telspec, WSP Group. **Economic statistics:** PSBR (February), — retail sales (February), Labour market statistics: unemployment and unfilled vacancies (February — provisional); average earnings indices (January — provisional); employment, hours, productivity and unit wage costs; industrial disputes, labour force survey (autumn 1993).

THURSDAY

Arjo Wiggins Appleton, the Anglo-French paper-making group, is expected to report lower final pre-tax profits of between £120 million and £148 million, compared with £161 milion last time.

Smith New Court expects **Legal & General**, the pensions to insurance group, to lift final pre-tax profits to £174 million (£116 million). Market forecasts range from £162 million to £178 million, with the group expected to benefit from more effective selling, lower costs and a strong recovery in the UK insurance market. A dividend of 20p (19.1p) is forecast.

Analysts expect the first full-year profits from the merged **Reed Elsevier** group to range from £515 million to £542 million, with an average of about £523 million (£412 million pro forma).

Rentokil is expected to show strong growth in full-year pre-tax profits to £150 million (£109 million). Profits should be boosted by an encouraging performance from the environmental and property services group's £76 million acquisition of Securiguard in the second half of last year and strong sales in America and the Asia-Pacific regions.

Competition on both sides of the Atlantic is likely to have restrained profits growth at **United Biscuits**. Barclays de Zoete Wedd is looking for headline pre-tax profits of £175 million (£162.3 million). A maintained dividend of 15.3p is predicted.

Interims: Attwoods, Minorco, Pochin's, Zambia Copper Investments. **Finals:** Arjo Wiggins Appleton, Cairn Energy, Charles Baynes, Birmingham & Midshires Building Society, British Borneo, Courtaulds Textiles, Dalry Farm International, S Daniels, Davis Service Group, Dawson Group, Edmond Holdings, Fairhaven International, Gartmore IT, Guinness, Haden Maclellan, Jupiter Tyndall Group, Kwik-Fit Holdings, Legal & General Group, OGC International, Oliver Group, Reed International, Rentokil Roup, Rosebys, Sanderson Bramall, Trade Indemnity Group, Travis Perkins, United Biscuits. **Economic statistics:** machine tools (January), financial statistics (March), provisional figures for vehicle production (February).

FRIDAY

Fortnum & Mason, the Piccadilly department store group controlled by family interests of Garry Weston, chairman, is likely to report a modest improvement in profits in the important first half period, in spite of patchy economic recovery.

The company is expected to report interim pre-tax profits ahead to about £1.6 million (£1.5 million), according to Michael Bourke, an analyst at Panmure Gordon. Mr Bourke is looking for full-year pre-tax profits of £1.72 million. A maintained interim dividend of 86p is predicted.

The group's Piccadilly department store is dependent on the Christmas trading period and spending from foreign tourists.

Interims: Allied Leisure, Fortnum & Mason, NM Smaller Australian Companies, Sirdar. **Finals:** Arcolectric (Holdings), Molins, Vinten Group. **Economic statistics:** building societies monthly figures (February), provisional estimates of M4 and counterparts (February), major British banking groups' monthly statement (February).

PHILIP PANGALOS

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

BAe investors expected to approve Rover sale

BRITISH Aerospace shareholders are tomorrow expected to give near-unanimous approval to the £800 million sale of Rover, the group's highly successful vehicle maker, to BMW, of Germany. BAe management expects little opposition to the deal at an extraordinary meeting at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, London, given the stock market's favourable response to the surprise takeover. However, some shareholders may criticise the way BAe broke with Honda, its long-standing Japanese partner, which still holds 20 per cent of Rover, and the loss of the last British-controlled volume carmaker to a German company. BMW, controlled by the Quandt family, faces no threat of last-ditch shareholder resistance. Shojiro Miyake, president of Honda Europe, last week said that his company expected a cash offer from BMW to guarantee continuation of key licensing agreements affecting Rover's 400 and 600 series.

BAe shareholders will also be asked to approve an increase in the group's borrowing powers. The authorisation sought is to raise gross borrowing from a multiple of 1.5 times shareholders' funds to 2.5 times net of cash. Although the management considered the 1.5 multiple adequate before restructuring, it now wishes to increase borrowing powers to a level more in line with other blue chip companies.

John Brown wins work

JOHN Brown, part of the engineering division of Trafalgar House, has won a £32 million contract in Morocco. The contract will be run jointly with GIE of Italy and is for the turnkey design and construction of a 100 megawatt power station at Tetouan, near Tangier, Morocco. The news is particularly good for Trafalgar House given that doubts over the future of some Far East contracts have arisen from the dispute with Malaysia. The Tetouan power station will be a repeat of the gas turbine based power station completed by John Brown in 1990 at Mohammedia, near Casablanca. Initially, the power station will be fuelled by heavy oil, but it is expected that the gas turbines will be converted to operate on gas when a planned pipeline from Algeria is brought on stream, currently scheduled for 1995-6. Within the last six months, John Brown has secured contracts worth a total of more than £90 million.

Bond brings in £480m

NEARLY 90,000 pensioners over 65 have invested in the National Savings Pensioners' Guaranteed Income Bond since it went on sale on January 21, bringing £480 million into the Government's coffers. Premium bonds also had their most successful month ever last month, bringing in £201 million. All bonds bought in February will take part in the first £1 million prize draw next month. Total gross sales of National Savings products in February amounted to £1.4 billion. Repayments of £839 million and accrued interest of £158 million bought the net contribution to £775 million. The total investment in National Savings at the end of February was £47.7 billion.

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5025 (+0.0125)
German mark
2.5215 (-0.0409)
Exchange index
80.7 (-0.5)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2519.0 (-44.2)
FT-SE 100
3191.9 (-86.1)
New York Dow Jones
3862.70 (+30.40)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
20115.31 (+149.31)

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.25	2.05
Austria Sch	18.75	17.25
Belgium Fr	55.35	50.95
Canada $	2.149	1.989
Cyprus CypE	0.792	0.742
Denmark Kr	10.48	9.68
Finland Mkk	8.93	8.13
France Fr	9.06	8.36
Germany Dm	2.68	2.47
Greece Dr	389.00	364.00
Hong Kong $	12.26	11.26
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2596.00	2441.00
Japan Yen	173.00	156.00
Malta	0.622	0.567
Netherlds Gld	2.988	2.758
Norway Kr	11.55	10.75
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Spain Pta	215.50	201.50
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G7 search to cure corrosive disease of unemployment

As the Group of Seven meets in Detroit for a jobs summit, Philip Bassett examines some of the issues that face the participants



For David Hunt, unemployment is an "enormous human problem"

Underneath the slick People-Mover overhead monorail that will today ferry delegates at the Group of Seven jobs summit from their 70-storey gleaming waterfront hotel in Detroit to the huge Cobo convention centre half a mile away, a black teenager loiters by a parked car — and then abruptly hammers his way through its window to lean in and rob from it.

Among such black youth in Detroit, unemployment stands at 46.7 per cent. But after sweeping in to the national guard airbase yesterday afternoon, President Clinton will not brush much with such harsh realities of the blasted inner-city landscapes of Detroit, where crime and murder rates, like the unemployment numbers, soar above the average for the United States.

Though the White House stressed the significance of holding the G7 jobs conference — originally called by Mr Clinton — in the collapsed motor city of Detroit as a message for the future, the closest the President came to its bleak urban moonscape was a quick trip to an advanced technology centre behind the city's main Ford factory and to a high-performance diesel plant, today, on the way back to his plane.

Cynicism about holding two days of anguish on unemployment by the world's richest nations, especially in such a world-gone-wrong as Detroit, is both easy and fashionable among the intelligentsia of Washington and London. But Mr Clinton was elected on a jobs platform (remember, "It's the economy, stupid") and his economic aides insist the issue is close to his heart — and not just as a diversion, either, from the morass of the Whitewater affair. In his weekend US radio address to the nation, the President said that the message of his keynote speech to all the G7 countries today would be clear: "We can create millions of high-wage jobs for our people, if we have the courage to confront our problems boldly."

Bold confrontation may well be vital. Though now falling in the US and Britain, unemployment stands at about 35 million across the G7 countries, and is now in social, economic and human terms topping the world agenda. "There is nothing more destructive and nothing more devastating to an individual and his family than not to have a job," says Ron Brown, the US Commerce Secretary, who will stress the impact of technological change in his conference address today.

In Britain, too, there is consensus about the importance of jobs. "Unemployment is an enormous human problem," David Hunt, Secretary of State for Employment, says. To Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, it is a "human tragedy and a social catastrophe" as well as an economic loss. Robert Reich, the US Labor Secretary, is in no doubt that it is a worldwide problem. "The old jobs are going," he says, "and they're not coming back."

America knows it. "American workers have an incredible sense of insecurity about their jobs," Richard Freeman, professor of economics at Harvard, says. They have: the latest jobs poll for *The New York Times* shows that as many as 39 per cent of workers, and almost half of all blue-collar employees in the US, are worried that they will be laid off in the next two years. Less than a third see a big future in their current jobs. What to do about it is what the Detroit conference is all about. What America has done is to create jobs — 1.7 million in the last year alone in the private sector, 2 million forecast for this year. But many are "McJobs" — part-time, temporary, low-paid, with displaced manufacturing workers, such as Craig Miller, a father-of-four from Kansas City, who has gone down from an airline sheetmetal-working job to juggling between driving a school bus and filling orders at McDonald's, for less than a third of his previous hourly wage. Europe has created fewer jobs — though they are more secure. Far fewer, in fact, and those that have been are largely as a result of the expansion of public sector work. But this, coupled with the cost of underpinning those unable to match their skills to the earnings floor created by high unemployment benefits and minimum-wage policies, is putting a huge strain on public finances in Europe, which wants to see some US-style job creation — 7 million new jobs by the end of the decade, according to Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, who also arrived in Detroit yesterday.

"Are the advanced industrial nations condemned to choose between these two alternatives — neither of which is very appealing?" Mr Reich asks. "Either more jobs but declining real incomes and a widening gap between the rich and the poor, or fewer but better jobs, with a bigger and richer social safety net catching more and more people in it."

He believes that there is an alternative, blending both the US and the European job experiences: that, for the Americans at least, is the key objective of this week's conference. In Britain, Howard Davies, Director-General of the CBI, agrees: "I don't see the flexibility and upskilling arguments as contradictory," he says. "There's room for both."

Britain thinks that everyone else is falling into step with it about the need for economic deregulation. "Our missionary work is paying off — and that will be reflected at the conference," Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, says. John Monks, TUC General Secretary, is doubtful: "The idea," he says, "that the way to create sustainable jobs and prosperity is by driving down wages and working conditions will find as little support in Detroit as it does among the victims of deregulation in Britain."

But if Britain's G7 paper, *Competitiveness and Employment*, does emphasise to the exclusion of almost all else precisely such a deregulatory approach, the Clinton/Reich US document for the conference stresses the centrality of economic demand management to reducing unemployment in a move that makes UK ministers uncomfortable.

But though such clear policy divisions means that no formal communiqué can be issued when the G7 conference ends tomorrow, a mid-Atlantic compromise of sorts is likely to find broad favour. While the level of demand management to be proposed this morning by Laura Tyson, chair of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, is likely to be up to the political tastes of the individual G7 countries, a mixture of threats and help for the unemployed will be judged a triable recipe.

The first out of recession, the US is already started on the mix. In advance of today's summit, Mr Reich and Mr Clinton last week unveiled an ambitious $13 billion re-employment package, aimed — Congress willing — at drawing together the shards of American training programmes into a new drive to beat the jobs impact of technological and competitive change through new skills.

Significantly, though, this new bill gets tough too, cutting out $14 billion spent last year in America on extending unemployment benefit beyond its usual pay period. On the same day as the Re-employment Bill, too, a White House task force last week came up with detailed proposals on welfare reform, including cutting off welfare benefits from young adults after two years to force them back to work, which the President will take to Congress next month. Much of the US-Europe policy gap on jobs stems from different objectives. A substantial part of the US argument is about wages, rather than jobs, given the tendency of America's harsh benefit system to keep unemployment low but create in-work poverty. In Europe, government officials recognise that being out of work is the biggest poverty creator.

Detroit will tend to be dismissed as a glossy talking shop. Radical job groups will protest outside the conference this morning, while in Britain the Demos think-tank says today that "the political world has proven unable to offer credible solutioris" to unemployment.

However, the Clinton Administration which called the summit already has its defences disarmingly ready. When asked recently by a local Detroit paper whether an unemployed auto-worker in the city might be any closer to getting a job back, Mr Reich simply answered: "No."

But just as doctors recognise a cure for cancer will never come closer without pooling practices, diagnoses and experiences, so too will the corrosive disease of unemployment remain both unsolved and growing without such analytical scrutiny as this week's gathering in Detroit.

Answers may as yet be in short supply — there is no "magic bullet", as Mr Reich says. But for the unemployed from carbreakers in Michigan to the jobless in Manchester, or Munich, or Marseilles, the G7 approach is at the very least worth a try.

G7 UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment Rate 1993, %

Canada	11.2
France	11.3
Germany	5.9
Italy	10.3
Japan	2.5
UK	10.4
USA	6.8

EMPLOYMENT GROWTH

Annual Rate of Change 1980-93, %

Canada	1.1
France	0.1
Germany	0.5
Italy	0.0
Japan	1.2
UK	0.4
USA	1.4

Source: OECD

Forget all the talk: does anyone really care about jobs?



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Politicians do not care as much about unemployment as they like to claim. This is, to be fair, because job queues have, since the Thirties, been seen as a by-product of recession. Get your economy right and people will have jobs. Blame incompetent macroeconomic policy management if they do not. That is still true in Japan. In the rest of the advanced world, less than half unemployment can be blamed on lack of growth and it is becoming impossible for oppositions to come up with a credible elixir of alternative monetary and fiscal policies or state spending to eliminate dole queues, where even raging booms have failed.

Even now, the spur for G7 governments to focus on unemployment as an issue separate from the state of the economy is its cost to taxpayers. So the emphasis is on getting existing unemployed people back to work — important but a side issue. While education and training could make many people more jobworthy, underlying non-cyclical unemployment can only be cured if governments give the right incentives to help balance the supply and demand for labour. And if unemployment *per se* is the issue, persuading fewer people to join the regular job market can play a part along with raising labour demand.

In Britain, the unemployment rate has only once briefly fallen as low as 6 per cent since the Seventies. In France, the rate has stood at 9 per cent or more for a decade. In America, it has rarely dropped below 5 per cent for decades. The reasons vary: mistakes in German reunification, France's painful addiction to tagging the mark, the oil-led decimation of British manufacturing in 1980-83.

There are, however, common features that could be reversed if policies were bent to that end. It is, for instance, taken for granted that big firms shed jobs and that the burden of creating both extra jobs and replacement jobs must fall on small growing firms. Why should this be so? In Japan, big groups offered lifetime employment on the assumption, hardly extravagant, that they would grow faster than labour productivity. Rapidly growing productivity would bring higher sales and if that were not enough, the firm would move into new product areas to drive growth. How different in the Anglo-Saxon countries, where growth is too often achieved by profits from cost-cutting on stagnant turnover being used to buy other companies. And how depressing that others should crow smugly over the cracks recession has knocked in this Japanese practice.

Clearly, the Japanese big company system owed much to the economic climate. High money interest rates are the root cause of "short-termism". Sustained low rates cut the risks of expansion and, by raising asset prices, make it costly to buy other businesses. Low inflation also makes labour, whose pay responds to prices, more attractive relative to fixed cost capital equipment. That is the best way to change the big company culture of Europe and America. But there are quicker methods. If, say, groups were banned from paying equity dividends if they had cut total employment, like-for-like, over the past twelve months,

> In Europe, we raise the cost of labour and reduce the demand by taxing it

then behaviour would change pretty smartly. That's what you call an economic signal. Such crude and drastic cures would cause horrible distortions. Subtler changes, such as premium profit tax rates for those cutting overall employment, could be effective and help job-creating smaller firms.

In Europe, we reduce the demand for labour by taxing it, while giving tax subsidies to capital goods, the main alternative factor of production. Backing workers with more capital and replacing labour with machinery or software are prime ways to raise productivity. To raise labour costs and cut investment costs artificially does not, however, enhance this process — it breeds inefficiency and cuts potential output.

Hardly anyone disputes that a once-for all cut in wage rates would price more people into work, if money demand were made up elsewhere. But it would make the working majority poorer. Even that might be a price worth paying. America, father of chronic unemployment, has become the paragon of job creation by helping smaller firms through deregulation, tax incentives to enterprise, curbing union power and generally making the labour market more flexible. America's economy created 40 per cent more jobs in the twenty years to 1992, though output grew no more than in most big European economies, where employment grew only modestly. The catch was that average real wages fell 10 per cent over those two decades. And cuts in real wages increase the supply of labour as families struggle to live.

The same boost to employment could be created in Europe simply by abolishing all employers' national insurance contributions. In Britain, that would cut the cost of all but the lowest paid labour as much as in America without the nasty side-effects. In the main continental economies, labour costs would fall much more. The tax would be recouped in other ways: by abolishing capital allowances, further removing anti-job distortions, or through corporation tax, removing the bias against labour-intensive firms, or by shifting the burden to employees, which might just possibly also reduce the supply of labour.

Even the European Commission has now got round to the idea that "statutory charges" hit jobs. Yet no concerned British parliamentary party gives tax priority to abolishing employers' national insurance contributions. Nor, to the best of my knowledge, does the government or opposition in any leading continental country.

To take a smaller example, legal labour-intensive self-employment is held back by the low threshold for compulsory VAT registration. This is blamed on Brussels. But will parties throughout Europe campaign vigorously in the upcoming elections to double or treble the threshold? Possibly not.

Slashing underlying unemployment is not really a high priority at all. Rather, it is an ink-blot test, enabling political leaders to posture about grand theories of deregulation or economic planning, instead of taking simple, effective measures that lie in their own hands.

Politics and trade disputes pose main inflation threat

Has anything changed to justify gilt yields almost a percentage point up on two months ago? Three things are different. The world economy is bouncier, most obviously in the US, but also in emerging markets, and even in Germany, there are signs of a turning-point. Trade tensions have increased, and political uncertainty has grown, in Europe as well as Westminster and Washington.

A stronger world economy means more investment projects competing for capital. The investment boom is gathering pace in the US, and the January CBI survey indicates that it is starting here. Recovery in bank profits, visible in the US and just confirmed here, signals a less cautious approach to lending. There will be a boost to leasing, which is unattractive when banks have no current profits to offset against capital allowances that it generates. Meanwhile, capital spending to improve infrastructure in emerging nations is surging, financed by western investors' enthusiasm for esoteric equity markets.

While investment recovers, the total supply of savings is under pressure. Consumers have responded to weak real incomes and low interest rates by cutting the savings ratio, not just in the UK and the US, but even in Germany, where the ratio fell steeply last year. Tax hikes are likely to depress savings more. All this implies higher real yields. This is not yet the feared "global capital shortage", but nor is it an environment in which index-linked yields could have remained at their lowest level for over a decade, reached early this year. Longer real yields have risen approaching 50 basis points from their lows, and there may be more to come.

For conventional bonds, the rise in real yields is compounded by new uncertainties on inflation. Evidence is still limited — scattered instances of price pressures in the US, a tick up in surveys of wage settlements in the UK, where actual inflation has confounded the Bank of England by trending down. However, investors are worried, as shown by recent studies on the UK's output gap. Such concern is understandable, given the stronger global economy, and inflation scares will almost certainly continue all year. Some commodity prices, especially industrial metals, may

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rise sharply as excess inventories are worked off. These rises should probably be seen as a correction from unsustainably low levels to ones that will summon extra supply from mothballed plants. That, however, will not stop bond markets from temporarily seeing them as the start of a more prolonged inflation.

Will these inflation fears be realised? Probably not, because structural disinflation forces, which helped bond markets so much last year, are still in place. Cheap goods from emerging markets are a growing downward force on prices in the developed world. Labour market liberalisation, and the decline of heavily-unionised manufacturing, has changed the UK labour market, evidenced by the way that last year's fall in unemployment entirely reflected new part-time jobs, with the number of full-timers still falling.

New technologies are eroding the pricing power of old monopolies, witness the collapse in UK telecoms prices.

Such fundamental changes are not threatened by short-term cyclical shortages of a few products. However, they are threatened by protectionism, which reduces downward price pressure from trade among OECD nations, and from trade with emerging countries. So, the collapse in US-Japan trade talks and subsequent US threats were a negative development for bond markets.

Structural disinflation is also threatened by political turmoil. Weaker governments are tempted to seek easy solutions, to buy people off, to prolong oligopolies and to delay change. In the UK, we have seen the watering-down of the public-sector "zero wage increase". In France, a huge handout is looming in the government's dispute with airline unions. We have yet to see the results of the political crisis in the US, but one will almost certainly be a feebler attack on healthcare costs than envisaged by Hillary Clinton.

In short, many things have changed in the past two months, making a less friendly environment for bond markets. Inflation fears should turn out unfounded in the long term, but will not disappear quickly. The greatest inflation threat is from political turmoil and trade disputes. Ironically for bond markets, such problems are best solved under sustained strong growth. So growth will ultimately help conventional bonds, but, as it boosts investment demand further, it will, if anything, push real yields even higher.

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Differing views on dieting

BRIAN Winterflood, patron of smaller companies, is on a diet — or going short on food, as he might put it. So is Michael Grade, chief executive of Channel 4, but the worlds of finance and television appear to have opposing views of what dieting entails. Both men, sharing the top table at last week's PLC Awards dinner at the Grosvenor House in London, got off to a good start, with Winterflood carefully operating a personal "portion control". Grade played along, refusing a slab of chocolate cake for the sake of keeping up with him, but soon relenting when offered a choice of port or brandy. "Malt whisky," he declared, before lighting a cigar and launching into a discussion about his yacht, the 45ft *Laphroaig*, named after Grade's favourite tipple, and a tongue-twister that has triggered some awkward moments when sailing abroad. Try hailing a harbour master in the Caribbean and informing them that you're the *Laphroaig*, he told his amused companions. Grade confessed that he had pinched the name for his vessel without asking the permission of Allied Distillers, which owns the brand, and the company has asked if they can use the yacht in publicity shots. The fee? "A case of whisky, of course." Laphroaig, naturally.

Lighter note

STILL at the Grosvenor House, how pleasant to see former funeral king Howard Hodgson in his usual high spirits. Hodgson, now in the pens and lighters business, his trademark footballer's hairdo longer than ever, worked the room with his customary panache, physically lifting one PR girl into the air and escorting several others around the bar area with increasing enthusiasm as the night drew on. He was last seen heading in the direction of the gents at an early hour, singing: "Man who buy Ronson lighters going to make big money," or words to that effect. Given his Eighties track record, in which he built his funeral company into a £100 million a year business, his optimism may prove infectious. And if lighters don't live up to his hopes, there are always Ronson pens — a fact slyly hinted at by his fellow directors, who gave him a MontBlanc for Christmas and a Parker for his birthday.



Michael Grade focusing on his diet at the PLC Awards dinner — no chocolate cake but a malt whisky

THE booby prize from the PLC dinner goes to the 25-year-old corporate financier from Beeson Gregory who turned up for an 8am meeting the next morning still wearing his dinner jacket. He insisted he had left his keys at the office and was forced to spend the night on his blonde neighbour's sofa. Hmmmmm . . .

On the fast track

ANYONE who has been to the F1 Chelsea Indoor Karting track near Chelsea Harbour will be interested to hear that the idea is taking off abroad. Mike Mallinson, who owns the venue, has been asked to design and build a similar track for the royal family of the United Arab Emirates. "We will build it indoors because of the heat," says Mallinson, "but there will be shutters opening on to an outdoor track too." Another Mallinson-designed track is due to open in New York, and he has received approaches from Lebanon and Malta. Thousands of people have tried out F1 since it opened in June 1993, drawn from firms and companies ranging from KPMG Peat Marwick to Carlton Television.

Guildhall voice

ONE of Lord Owen's former speech writers has been given the top PR job at the Corporation of London. Tony Halmos, who served on the SDP and Liberal Democrats staff from 1982-88, takes up the post of director of public relations at Guildhall on April 5 — the spokesman on everything from health issues to the "ring of steel" security cordon. He joins after five years with Hill & Knowlton.

DID the print industry sales company based in Elstree, Hertfordshire, that was wound up on petition from the Department of Trade and Industry last week have any confidence at all in its chances of survival? The company's name was Total Wipe-Out.

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6.00 Business Breakfast (73795)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (64412172)
9.05 Kilroy. Topical studio discussion (s) (8734882) **9.45 Newshound** (s) (4798694)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5280288) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (8750646)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine (s) (91721530)
12.15 Pebble Mill. With Alan Titchmarsh (s) (1070443) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (20558288)
1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (93998)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (67548714)
1.50 Dick Smith – Master of Make-Up. A profile of the celebrated film make-up artist (r) (67542530) **2.15 Knots Landing.** American drama serial (s) (1887337) **3.05 Family Affairs** (s) (6287207)
3.35 Cartoon (4103066) **3.45 Bump** (9941207) **3.50 Model Millie** (s) (4108511) **4.05 Batfink** (3940086) **4.10 SuperTed** (r) (8190789) **4.20 Albert the 5th Musketeer.** (Ceefax) (9602424)
4.45 NEW **Monkey Island.** A five-part story of an 11-year-old abandoned boy sleeping rough in Central Park, New York (s) (2937820)
4.55 Newsround (2933004) **5.05 Blue Peter** (Ceefax) (s) (4756511)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (414066)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (795)
6.30 Regional news magazines (375)
7.00 That's Showbusiness. Entertainment trivia game. Bernard Cribbins and Alistair McGowan take on Brenda Emmanus and Greg Proops. (Ceefax) (s) (6795)
7.30 Watchdog. Consumer affairs. (Ceefax) (559)
8.00 A Question of Sport. Ian Botham is joined by Herbie Hide and John Devereaux. Bill Beaumont's line-up is Bruce Grobbelaar and *Diane Modahl* (Ceefax) (s) (5443)
8.30 CHOICE **Men of the World: Match of the Day.** (Ceefax) (4578)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7646)
9.30 Panorama: Truth is a Difficult Concept. A report on the Scott Enquiry (182240)

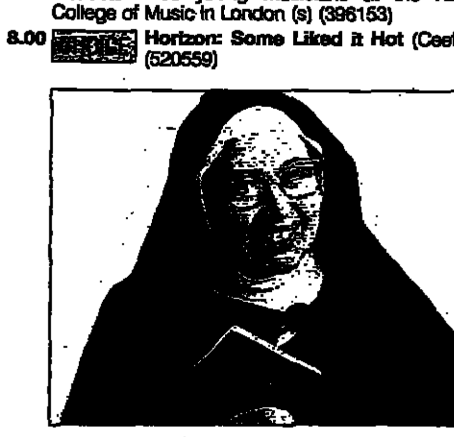


O'Neill and Barron are found out (10.10pm)

10.10 Take Me Home. Final part of the drama about the affair between a young married woman and an older man. Starring Brian Barron and Maggie O'Neill (r). (Ceefax) (1859240). **Wales:** The Noble Trail 10.40 Take Me Home 11.45 Match of the Day 12.25am Film 94 12.55-1.25 Careering Ahead
11.15 Match of the Day – The Road to Wembley. Highlights of the FA Cup sixth-round tie between West Ham United and Luton Town (s) (823530)
11.55 Film 94 with Barry Norman. Among the films reviewed are *The House of Spirits, Beethoven's 2nd* and *The Music of Chance* (s) (484240)
12.25am Careering Ahead (r) (s) (2337738)
12.55 Weather (9268216) Ends at **1.00**
3.00-3.50 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (22641) **3.30 Pathways to Care** (70641318)

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6.20 Open University (16315085)
8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax) (4872443)
8.15 Westminster Daily (4862066) **8.30 Arthur Negus Enjoys.** A visit to Goodwood House (r) (8246269) **8.50 A Week to Remember** (b/w) (4518801)
9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **1.20** The Adventures of Buzzy Bee and Friends (28036172) **1.25-1.40** Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams (48277627)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather, followed by **Numbers Plus: Infant Maths** (r) (47926207) **2.15 Regional Westminster Reports** (239511). **Wales** (to 3.00): Welsh Questions Live **2.45 Lost.** A reconstruction of the search for a missing teenager lost on the Lancashire moors in 1973 (r) (3633917)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather, followed by **Songs of Praise** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4551085) **3.40 A Week to Remember** (b/w). Shown at 8.50am (9924530) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (9920714)
4.00 For Your Taste Only. Restaurants in private Japanese homes (s) (288)
4.30 People of the Valley. Welsh language drama serial with English subtitles (s) (172). **Wales:** Macgregor's Scotland
5.00 NEW **All in the Mind.** Quiz in which teenagers pit their wits against adults (s) (7801)
5.30 Gardeners' World (r). (Ceefax) (s) (424)
6.00 Def II: The Fresh Prince of Bel Air (s) (774191) **6.25 The Ren and Stimpy Show** (871578) **6.50 Rough Guide to Careers** (r) (s) (750646)
7.20 Young Musician of the Year: Brass Masterclass. The Swedish trumpet player, Hakan Hardenberger, instructs three young musicians at the Royal College of Music in London (s) (396153)
8.00 CHOICE **Horizon: Some Liked it Hot** (Ceefax) (520559)



Sister Wendy's passport to Austria (8.50pm)

8.50 Sister Wendy's Grand Tour. The connoisseur from the convent visits Vienna. (Ceefax) (s) (345578)
9.00 FILM: Act of Vengeance (1986), starring Charles Bronson. Jock Yablonski, a miners' union official, risks his life to challenge the corrupt president of the union. Directed by John MacKenzie (Ceefax) (6917)
10.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron (320733)
11.15 CHOICE **Runaway Wives and Home Alone Kids** (s) (821172)
11.55 Weather (620240)
12.00 Managing in Organisations. Boundaries and Biases (2358221) **12.25am Design Principles.** Creativity (5254825) Ends at **1.30**
2.00-4.00 Night School: Teaching Today (75824)

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Men of the World: Match of the Day
BBC1, 8.30pm

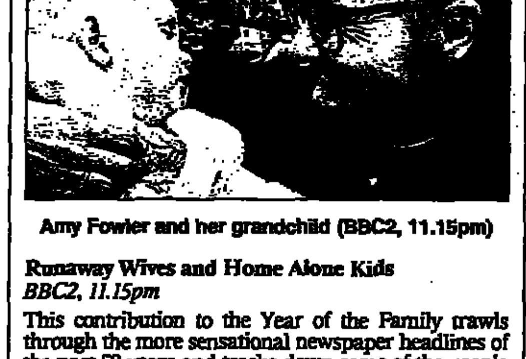
There is a whiff of *The Likely Lads* about Daniel Peacock's new comedy which features David Threlfall and John Simm as two unattached males who work together and live in the same house. The parallel extends to the jaunty signature tune and northern setting. The main difference is one of age. Threlfall's Lenny is some 15 years older than Simm's Kendle and asserts his seniority by being both boss and landlord. But the opening episode is pure *Likely Lads* as Threlfall and his old primary school chums have a protracted argument over who scored the winning goal in a long-ago football match. If the series turns out to be even half as good as the Dick Clement-Ian Le Frenais classic it will have earned its slot.

Horizon: Some Liked It Hot
BBC2, 8.00pm

A documentary rounding up the latest theories and speculations about the evolution of man inevitably covers much of the same ground as the BBC2 series *In Search of Our Ancestors* which finished last week. The justification for returning to the subject so soon is twofold. First, the claim of the anthropologist Don Johanson, presenter of *In Search of Our Ancestors*, to have come up with the missing link between ape and man is challenged. Secondly, the main thrust of the *Horizon* programme is to look at the two features which distinguish man from apes, the ability to walk upright and the larger brain, and to establish the link between them. The non-scientific may stumble over the long words but the material is compelling.

The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes
ITV, 9.00pm

Susannah Harker and Roy Hudd are the guest stars in another polished tale from Granada Television, with a little help from Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Harker plays the pivotal character of the young widow who stands to lose everything by her husband's untimely death. It is the job of Jeremy Brett's terse, unsmiling Holmes to discover whether Adelaide's beloved Victor died of Sumatran river fever or something even more sinister. The trail leads to the picturesque squalor of Rotherhithe where a bowler-hatted Hudd offers a conducted tour of the opium dens. The production values are, as ever, immaculate and the screenplay is by the reliable T.R. Bowen. He is also the Trevor Bowen who plays the silver-haired family solicitor.



Amy Fowler and her grandchild (BBC2, 11.15pm)

Runaway Wives and Home Alone Kids
BBC2, 11.15pm

This contribution to the Year of the Family trawls through the more sensational newspaper headlines of the past 50 years and tracks down some of the people who had their private lives made luridly public. The question posed by the film is whether the moral panics sparked off by these stories of teenage brides, adulterous wives and gymslip mums were justified. Helping to answer it are journalists who wrote the stories and politicians who commented on them. The victims include Amy Fowler, who was accused by the press of walking out on her family, and Raymond and Hilary Bunk. In the 1960s the Bunks raised eyebrows by getting engaged at the age of 14. A quarter of a century later they are still together. **Peter Waymark**

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6.00 GMTV (28733)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (3659085) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8736066)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion series (s) (6491733)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine (91722269) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7327882)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (9419820)
12.55 Coronation Street (r) (s) (9494511) **1.25 Home and Away.** Australian family drama (Teletext) (57051424) **1.55 Capital Woman** (s) (64595743)
2.25 A Country Practice. Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (93903375) **2.50 The Young Doctors** (6746375)
3.20 News headlines (8100207) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8109578)
3.30 Tots TV (s) (4122191) **3.40 Rainbow** (9928356) **3.50 Talespin** (r) (s) (3870240) **4.20 Harry's Mad** (s) (3763066) **4.50 Art Attack** (s) (7137424)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (4780578)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (795578)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (93849)
7.00 Wish You Were Here . . . ? Judith Chalmers visits America while Martin Roberts journeys through the Trossachs in Scotland. John Carter takes a short break in Amsterdam (Teletext) (s) (4191)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (627)

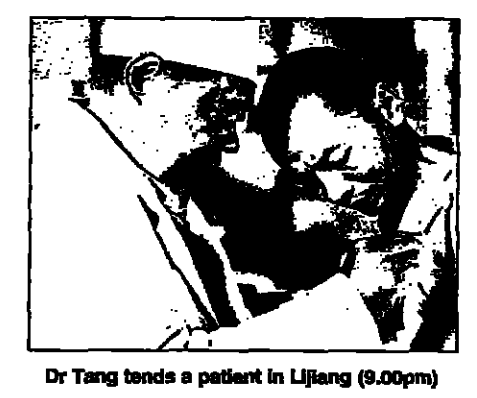


Phillip Schofield adds up the digits (8.00pm)

8.00 Talking Telephone Numbers. The biggest cash prize on television, £10,000, is on offer (s) (7581)
8.30 World in Action: The Last Resort. How the most vulnerable members of society are being abused by private landlords (s) (9646)
9.00 CHOICE **The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes: The Dying Detective** (Teletext) (s) (2207)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (36066)
10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (803191)
10.40 FILM: Damien – Omen II (1978) starring William Holden, Lee Grant and Jonathan Scott-Taylor. The child of the devil is now 13 and living with his unsuspecting aunt and uncle. Directed by Don Taylor (61025627)
12.40 The Little Picture Show. (4186370)
1.40 Shannon's Deal. Amrican drama series (2107641)
2.30 Nite Bites. Su Porter meets Dafydd Gittens, a Welsh vodka maker, and Robert Gill prepares a rack of lamb (s) (9417202)
2.40 Sport AM. Highlights from the Purex Tennis Championship and football action from the Endsleigh Insurance League (6053912)
3.40 FILM: Blondie Goes to College (1942, b/w). Another in the series of feature-length films based on the popular comic strip. Blondie and Dagwood pretend they are not married and go back to college where they become romantically involved with other people. Directed by Frank R. Strayer (1689912)
5.00 Hollywood Report (r) (s) (41347)
5.30 ITN Morning News (70641). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL4

6.35 The Adventures Of T-Rex. Cartoon (s) (3843153)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (16849)
9.00 Sabotage. The women-only quiz (s) (46443)
9.30 Schools: Geography Start Here! (4417337) **9.46** Talk, Write and Read (4430288) **10.02** Science Start Here! (46065559) **10.18** World Studies: Earth Tales (4685066) **10.40** The English Programme: Somewhere to Run (8694172) **11.07** Time for Maths (8649066) **11.18** Mathsbook (8663646) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (1046608) **11.45** Junior Technology: Designing and Making (1067191)
12.00 Right to Reply (r). (Teletext) (s) (66207)
12.30 Sesame Street. The guest is the actress Jodie Foster (99240) **1.30 Dr Snuggles** (r) (75443)
2.00 Homefront. Episode ten of the 24-part drama about three American soldiers trying to adapt to civilian life in a small town after the Second World War (6418337) **2.55 Gustav and the Hunting Dog.** Animation (6273004)
3.00 A Battle With the Sea. This film in the *Fragile Earth* series looks at the environmental threat to Spurn Head, three miles of sand and shingle which curls into the Humber Estuary (r). (Teletext) (8427135)
3.55 Nature Perfected (r). (Teletext) (7896733)
4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (240)
5.00 The Late Late Show. Music and topical chat show from Dublin (s) (1004)
6.00 Don't Forget Your Toothbrush (r). (Teletext) (s) (84191)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (958917) **7.50 Comment** (105627)
8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (8153)
8.30 Desmond's. Comedy series (r). (Teletext) (s) (7288)



Dr Tang tends a patient in Lijiang (9.00pm)

9.00 Beyond the Clouds. Director Philip Agland continues his documentary series on everyday life in a Chinese city. Tonight he chronicles the last 36 hours of a condemned man and looks at the drug problem in the city of Lijiang. (Teletext) (s) (9379)
10.00 Northern Exposure. Adam Ant plays a rock star who arrives in the Alaskan town of Cicely. The trouble is he thinks he is in Sicily. (Teletext) (s) (737849)
10.55 China in Revolution. To complement *Beyond the Clouds*, shown at 9.00pm, a documentary account, using rare archive footage, looking at life in China under Mao Tse-Tung, from the communist victory in 1949 to the "Great Leap Forward" in 1958 that led to famine and the deaths of 30 million people. (Teletext) (s) (6784288)
12.10am Conspiracy: The Trial of the Chicago Eight. A dramatised account of the controversial trial of eight anti-Vietnam War activists arrested after the 1968 Democratic Convention in Chicago. With Elliott Gould and Martin Sheen (r)(10413825)
2.25 FILM: Bless Their Little Hearts (1983, b/w). Drama set in the run-down suburb of Watts in Los Angeles in which an unemployed man fights a losing battle against the system. Starring Nate Hardman and Kaycee Moore. Directed by Billy Woodberry (1491283). Ends at **3.55**
4.00-5.30 Schools (83844)

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **7.00** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lynn Parsons **2.00** Mark Goodier **4.00** Nicky Campbell **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Armando Iannucci **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Through the Night (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Alan Dell **8.30** Big Band Special with the BBC Big Band **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **10.00** Stars in Brass: Grimethorpe Colliery Band **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Steve Madden **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Active Science; **9.20** Storybox; **9.30** The Song Tree; **9.45** Let's Move!; **10.05** History 9-11 **10.25** Johnnie Walker with the AM Alternative **12.30pm** Mark Steel v the MCC **1.10** The Crunch **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** Andy Smith's Drive-in **6.30** Hit the Decks (5/6) **7.15** There's a Viking in My Bed (r) **7.30** Champion Sport **8.00** Football Talk **10.00** Fabulous **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** News **6.10** British News **6.15** The Learning World **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** The Art of Travel **8.00** News **8.10** The Queen's Message to the Commonwealth **8.15** Health Matters **8.30** Anything Goes **9.00** News **9.05** Business Report **9.15** Animals of Power **9.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News **10.01** You Are What You Eat **10.30** The Vintage Chart Show **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin: News in German **Noon** News **12.10pm** The Queen's Message to the Commonwealth **12.15** Slightly Foxed **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: *Rimsky By Himself.* See Choice **2.45** The Dance Selection **3.00** News **3.15** Commonwealth Day Observance **4.00** News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** News **8.10** The Queen's Message to the Commonwealth **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.10** British News **10.15** Meridian **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** Business Report **11.15** On Screen **11.30** Multitrack 1 **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Screenplay **1.00** World News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Folk Routes **1.45** Health Matters **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Slightly Foxed **3.00** News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** John Peel **4.00** News **4.15** Health Matters

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Robert Booth **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Mozart (Piano Concerto No 18 in B flat) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Sarah Ward **7.00** Classical Gas. Music played on unusual instruments **8.00** Evening Concert: A concert of music on period instruments. Mozart (Ave Verum Corpus), Haydn (Sinfonia Concertante in B flat), Schubert (Four Impromptus); Bach (Orchestral Suite No 2 in B minor); Beethoven (Symphony No 8 in F) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** N.J. Williams **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyte

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (67543269) 2.20-2.50 Yan Can Cook (93995356) 5.10-5.40 Swot or Wot? (4780578) 6.00 Home and Away (778917) 6.25-7.00 Anglia Weather and Anglia News (191375) 10.30 Anglia News and Weather (803191) 10.40 Love Call (710207) 11.40 Street Legal (273511) 12.35am Renegade (4108134) 1.30 Sport AM (29950) 2.30 Memories of 1970-1989 (6074405) 3.25 The Beat (2559776) 4.20 Jobfinder (3294486) 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten (41347)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55 Shortland Street (67543269) 2.20 Cooking at the Academy (93995356) 2.50-3.20 A Country Practice (6746375) 5.10-5.40 Swot or Wot? (4780578) 6.00 Home and Away (778917) 6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (191375) 10.30 Central News and Weather (803191) 10.40 Millionaires (178801) 11.10 Monday Fight (927795) 12.10am Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (2331554) 12.40 Wanted Dead or Alive (7067198) 1.15 One Foot in Hell (916198) 2.55 Sport AM (7675757) 3.50 Hollywood Report (70630202) 4.15 Jobfinder (3914683) 5.20-5.30 Asian Eye (2150641)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (67543269) 2.20-2.50 Cooking at the Academy (93995356) 3.25-3.30 HTV West Headlines (8109578) 5.10-5.40 Runway (4780578) 5.55 Home and Away (443579) 6.25-7.00 HTV News (191375) 10.30 HTV West Headlines and Weather (803191) 10.40 Roadrunner (178801) 11.10 Spotlight (253172) 11.40 The Twilight Zone (758337) 12.05am Coach (2332283) 12.35 Renegade (4108134) 1.30 Sport AM (29950) 2.30 Memories of 1970-1989 (6074405) 3.25 The Beat (2559776) 4.20 Jobfinder (3294486) 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten (41347)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (191375) 10.30 HTV News and Weather (803191) 10.40 Primetime (178801) 11.10-12.05pm Judas and the Gimp (299424)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (8736066) 12.20pm-12.30 Meridian News and Weather (7327882) 1.55 A Country Practice (67543269) 2.20 Houseparty (93995356) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (6746375) 3.25-3.30 Meridian News and Weather (8109578) 5.37-5.40 Three Minutes - The Listings (495172) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (191) 6.30-7.00 Country Ways (443) 10.30 Meridian News and Weather (803191) 10.40 It's a Living (178801) 11.10 Business North and South (253172) 11.40-12.40pm Murder, She Wrote (912998) 5.00am-5.30 Freescreen (41347)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (67543269) 2.20-2.45 Wish You Were Here...? (93904004) 5.55 Tyne Tees Today (108530) 6.30-7.00 One Summer in Whitby (443) 10.40 New Voices (178801) 11.10 Prisoner Cell Block H (299424) 12.05am Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (2332283) 12.35 Sail the World (3727738) 1.05 Donna, Donna (929660) 2.40 The New Music (6053912) 3.40 ITV Chart Show (2349863) 4.35-5.30 Jobfinder (8109370)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.55 The Young Doctors (64595743) 2.25-2.55 Gardening Time (93994627) 3.25-3.30 Westcountry Latest (8109578) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (93849) 10.30 Westcountry Latest (803191) 10.40 The Front Line (178801) 11.10 Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (253172) 11.40 The Equalizer (539714) 12.30am My Story (6113347) 12.35 Renegade (4108134) 1.30 Sport AM (29950) 2.30 Memories of 1970-1989 (6074405) 3.25 The Beat (2559776) 4.20 Jobfinder (3294436) 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten (41347)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (67543269) 2.20-2.45 Wish You Were Here...? (93904004) 5.55 Calendar (108530) 6.30-7.00 One Summer in Whitby (443) 10.30 Calendar News (803191) 10.40 New Voices (178801) 11.10 Prisoner Cell Block H (299424) 12.05am Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (2332283) 12.35 Sail the World (3727738) 1.05 Donna, Donna (929660) 2.40 The New Music (6053912) 3.40 ITV Chart Show (2349863) 4.35-5.30 Jobfinder (8109370)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (16849) 9.00 Sabotage (46443) 9.30 Ysgolion (119801) 12.00pm Right To Reply (66207) 12.30 Slot Meithrin (76172) 1.00 The Long Summer (86608) 1.30 Blossom (75443) 2.00 Homefront (6418337) 2.55 The Oprah Winfrey Show (9034795) 3.45 Laurel And Hardy (4109240) 4.00 Slot 23 (2790743) 4.05 Ty Chwith (5813849) 4.20 Wil Wat (5894714) 4.35 Llun (2570882) 5.00 Batman (9269) 5.30 Countdown (820) 6.00 Newyddion (863559) 6.20 Cwlwm Serch (765578) 6.25 Heno (199917) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (2733) 7.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar (269) 8.00 Mor-ladron (8153) 8.30 Newyddion (7288) 9.00 Sgorio (9379) 10.00 Brookside (34608) 10.30 Roseanne (43356) 11.00 Northern Exposure (939530) 11.55 Secret History (909424) 12.55am Diwedd/close (66054414) 4.00 Schools (41893)

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Assignment 103 **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: Beethoven (Overture, Egmont, Op 84: LPO under Klaus Tennstedt); Schmelzer (Balletto di centauri, ninfe e salvatici: New London Consort under Philip Pickett); Joplin, arr Janneau (Concert Waltz, Béthune: Katia and Marielle Labèque, piano duet); Wassenaer (Concerto Armonici No 6 in E flat: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Marriner); Strauss (Verführung, Op 33 No 1: Sylvia Sass, soprano; Hungarian State Orchestra under Ervin Lukacs); Faure (Piano Quartet No 1 in C minor, Op 15)
9.00 Composers of the Week: David Matthews and Robert Saxton introduce a retrospective of their music. Matthews (The Music of Dawn); Saxton (In the Beginning)
10.00 Musical Encounters: Glinka (Overture, Ruslan and Ludmilla); Verdi (Ella giammai m'amo, Don Carlos); Scriabin (Preludes, Op 11); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 6 in B minor, Pathétique); Mozart (Flute Quartet in D, K285); Mussorgsky (Song of the Flea)
12.00 Modern Times: John Thornley presents cabaret songs
1.00pm News 1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concerto: Carmina Quartet plays Haydn (String Quartet in C, Op 76 No 3); Brahms (String Quartet in C minor, Op 51 No 1)
2.10 A Dutch Retrospect: Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra under André Previn performs Brahms (Violin Concerto in D: Viktoria Mullova); Elgar (Symphony No 2 in E flat)
3.45 Music for Organ: James O'Donnell, on the organ of Westminster Cathedral, plays Frank Martin (Passacaille); Dupré (Second Symphony)
4.30 Unsquare Dances: The jazz musician Dave Brubeck talks to Geoffrey Smith
5.00 The Music Machine: The American composer Steve Reich on the inspiration of everyday sounds
5.15 In Tune: Saint-Saëns (Allegro appassionato, Op 43); Bach (Prelude and Fugue in C minor, Well-Tempered Klavier, Book 1 No 2); Tiomkin, arr Palmer (Overture, The Alamo); Rodrigo (Rondino, Summer Concerto)
7.30 Towards the Millennium: David Owen Norris introduces cabaret songs from Berlin, Paris and London
9.10 Architectural Icons: See Choice
9.30 The BBC Orchestras: The BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Alun Francis performs Allan Pettersson (Symphony No 13)
10.45 Mixing It
11.30 Music Restored: A re-creation by the Castalian Band of a concert of the type given by the Edinburgh Musical Society in the 18th century
12.30-12.35am News 1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day
8.40 Comrade Tito Is Dead: Marcus Tanner investigates the communist leader's achievements in the former Yugoslavia **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week: Melvyn Bragg and guests
10.00-10.30 Worldly Wise (FM only): Peter Hobday is joined by Kevin Day, Ann Bryson, David Stafford and *Times* columnist Lynne Truss
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only) from the Chapel of Dean Close School, Cheltenham
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Romans. Roger McGough reads the last of six parts (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Lapsed vegetarian Kathleen Griffin talks to Jenni Murray. Serial: *Like Water for Hot Chocolate*, by Laura Esquivel. Read by Mia Soteriou. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580 4444, with Vincent Duggleby. Lines open from 10am
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Counterpoint: Music quiz **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; The Ridge, by Roy MacGregor. Kathy (Adie Allen) finds the family she has never had when she moves in with pacifist Andy, whose soldier brother died in the Gulf (r)
3.00 Anderson Country: Phone 071-765 5540
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Robert Dawson Scott investigates why so many politicians are writing novels, and talks to the Soviet-trained pianist Mikhail Rudy
4.45 Short Story: Very Much Reality, by Michael Carson. Read by David Horovitch
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The News Quiz: Panel game chaired by Barry Took (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Canada Park, by Leslie Stewart. During a holiday in Israel, David and Kitty visit a park that their money helped build. With Harry Towb, Joyce Gibbs and James Coyle
9.00 Previous Convictions: Parties. Peter Harrison reflects on the things he once believed in
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Jogging Round Majorca, by Gordon West. Abridged and read by Leonard Pearcey (r)
11.00 Going Down Under: Welcome to Australia (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27 Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

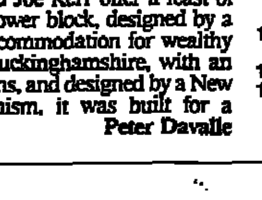
CHOICE

Off the Shelf: Rimsky by Himself. *World Service, 2.30pm.*

Here is a musical gem, or rather a necklace of sparklers, ten altogether, and all shaped from the memoirs of Rimsky-Korsakov. Starting today, Philip Anthony reads the ten autobiographical excerpts. There is just enough music to paint in the musical backdrop of the dilettante years when Rimsky-Korsakov first fell under the tutelary spell of Balakirev, and then became one of the famous Five (Borodin, Mussorgsky, Cui and Balakirev were the others). The few bars we hear from his first symphony give no hint of the brilliant orchestrations to come.

The Thirties: Architectural Icons. *Radio 3, 9.10pm.*

Architectural historians Julian Holder and Joe Kerr offer a feast of 1930s paradoxes. One is a north London tower block, designed by a Russian Marxist, offering middle-class accommodation for wealthy Britons. The other is a private villa in Buckinghamshire, with an English skin and Italian renaissance gardens, and designed by a New Zealander. Although an icon of modernism, it was built for a professor of classical archaeology. **Peter Davalle**



THE CLASSIC OPERA GUIDE.
TUESDAY 7PM.
CLASSIC fM 100-102

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (14193627) 9.10 Cartoons (8875627) 9.30 Card Sharks (39086) 9.55 Concentration (8911356) 10.25 Dynamo Duck (4148530) 10.30 Love at First Sight (77337) 11.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (24882) 12.00 Urban Peasant (91917) 12.30pm E Street (39022) 1.00 Barnaby Jones (69527) 2.00 Chiefs (58117) 3.00 Another World (8687559) 3.50 DJ Kat (3947714) 5.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (9424) 6.00 Games World (5337) 6.30 E Street (9917) 7.00 M*A*S*H (9583) 7.30 Full House (8801) 8.00 Intruders: Second of a two-part mini-series (78578) 10.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (57085) 11.00 The Untouchables (45375) 12.00 The Streets of San Francisco (44399) 1.00am Night Court (45134) 1.30-2.00 In Living Color (62399)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour. 6.00am Sunrise (22085) 9.30 60 Minutes (87733) 11.30 Japan Business (75559) 12.30pm News/Business (87199) 1.30 CBS News (37858) 2.30 Parliament (96153) 4.30 News/Business (5714) 7.30 Special Report (6443) 9.30 Talkback (29288) 11.30 CBS News (87608) 12.30am ABC News (87196) 1.30 Special Report (69592) 2.30 Travel (13950) 3.30 Talkback (92467) 4.30 Special Report (86115) 5.30 CBS News (10283)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (1268207) 10.00 Lost in London (1985): An American boy has a series of adventures (12996) 12.00 Paper Lion (1968): True story of George Plimpton's honorary membership of the Detroit Lions football team (19730) 2.00pm Against a Crooked Sky (1975): When a girl is kidnapped by Indians, her brother sets out to rescue her (48337) 4.00 Flight from Ashiya (1964): Three pilots attempt a daring rescue over the Pacific. With Yul Brynner and Richard Widmark (4356) 6.00 Till There Was You (1991): Mark Harmon searches a tropical island for his brother's killers (51801) 8.00 Falsely Accused (1993): Fact-based story about a woman wrongly accused of poisoning her children (96574725) 9.40 UK Top Ten (164086) 10.00 Showdown in Little Tokyo (1991): Mismatched cops Dolph Lundgren and Brandon Lee fight the Yakuza (5363608) 11.20 Wedlock (1990): Escaped prisoners Rutger Hauer and Mimi Rogers are linked together by an explosive dog-tag (931714) 1.05am 52 Pick-Up (1986): Roy Scheider is blackmailed by pornographic film-makers. With Ann-Margret and Vanity (478486) 2.50 Retribution (1987): The spirit of a murdered gangster seeks revenge (481641) 4.35 Against a Crooked Sky (as 2pm) (8659660). Ends at 6.00

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Land of the Pharaohs (1955): Jack Hawkins masterminds the construction of a great pyramid. With Joan Collins (53207) 8.00 Critters (1986): Sharp-fanged aliens lay siege to a farmhouse (25424) 10.00-11.45 The Thing (1982): An elusive creature kills off members of an Antarctic research team. With Kurt Russell (17917)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Twister (1989): A whirlwind disrupts the lives of a Kansas family (47166627) 7.45 The Count of Monte Cristo (1983): Animated children's version of Alexandre Dumas's swashbuckling classic (794202) 8.45 Delta Space Mission: Sci-fi (5146846) 10.00 On the Double (1961): Danny Kaye impersonates an English general (39040) 12.00 Belle of the Yukon (1944, b/w): Gypsy Rose Lee tries to straighten out saloon owner Randolph Scott (31952) 2.00pm On the Buses (1971): Women drivers cause trouble (667820) 3.45 The Count of Monte Cristo (as 7.45am) (636795) 4.45 Delta Space Mission (as 8.45am) (3003375) 6.00 Class Action (1991): Father-and-daughter lawyers Gene Hackman and Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio find themselves on opposite sides of the courtroom (59443) 8.00 Regarding Henry (1991): Harrison Ford is disabled by a bullet (61288) 10.00 Sleepwalkers (1992): Stephen King's horror story stars Brian Krause and Alice Krige as members of a dying race who need to feed on young women to survive (57269) 11.30 Steel Justice (1992): A cop (Robert Taylor) uses a 45-foot steel dinosaur to avenge his son's death (61646) 1.00am Sleepwalkers (as 10pm) (477757) 2.45 The Big Fix (1978): Private eye Richard Dreyfuss investigates a political smear campaign. With Susan Anspach (396009) 4.30-5.55 On the Buses (as 10am) (74912)

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Prime Bodies (78627) 7.30 American Sports (77578) 8.30 World Sports (73608) 9.00 Prime Bodies (97288) 9.30 Big League (30849) 11.30 Snowboarding (78004) 12.00 Football (51462) 2.00pm Asian Open Snooker (8478608) 6.00 Soccer (554424) 6.15 WWF Superstars (273578) 7.00 Football: West Ham v Luton Town 10.15 Soccer (350202) 10.30 Nascar Racing (86646) 12.30-2.30am Tennis (96486)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (75530) 8.00 Aerobics (50563) 9.00 Skiing (27789) 10.00 Ski Jumping (21733) 12.00 Motorsport (24820) 1.00pm Athletics (54559) 3.00 Snooker (74268) 4.00 Eurofun (7714) 4.30 Skiing (25443) 5.30 Football (84040) 6.30 News (8443) 7.00 Superbike (10578) 8.00 Formula One (96998) 9.00 Boxing (93202) 10.00 Football (19849) 11.00 Eurogolf (72443) 12.00-12.30am News (73776)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (3457578) 7.30 Neighbours (3436086) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (7880998) 8.30 EastEnders (7869269) 9.00 The Bill (7803849) 9.30 Nancy Astor (8816827) 10.30 Rockliffe's Folly (3673511) 11.30 The Sullivans (5323820) 12.00 Sons and Daughters (7883085) 12.30pm Neighbours (7478530) 1.00 EastEnders (3456849) 1.30 The Bill (7477801) 2.00 Adrian Mole (4361801) 2.30 Man About the House (5468191) 3.00 Dallas (5301608) 4.00 The Colbys (6563527) 4.55 Every Second Counts (97093153) 5.25 Give Us a Clue (14646443) 5.55 Sykes (7545191) 6.30 EastEnders (5450172) 7.00 The Two Ronnies (9972424) 8.00 Sorry! (4358337) 8.30 Man About the House (4360172) 9.00 Rockliffe's Folly (8978608) 10.00 The Bill (7884714) 10.50 Filthy, Rich and Catflap (4747849) 11.10 Top of the Pops (2772207) 11.55 Dr Who (1604269) 12.25am FILM: Slaughter Trail (1952): An outlaw gang causes trouble between white settlers and Indians. With Brian Donlevy (95388776) 1.45-2.00 Video Bites (43272931)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am RatKan II (39801) 6.30 Bobobobs (57733) 7.00 Berenstain Bears (6849375) 7.15 Toons (622207) 7.45 Beverly Hill Teens (621578) 8.15 Head to Head (9633849) 8.30 Teddy Ruxpin (15606) 9.00 It's Drolbee Time (55849) 10.00 Topsy and Tim (86733) 11.00 RatKan II (19375) 11.30 Bobobobs (10004) 12.00 Berenstain Bears (3882578) 12.15pm Toons (237288) 12.45 Beverly Hill Teens (236559) 1.15 Head to Head (58894714) 1.30 Teddy Ruxpin (68288) 2.00 Potsworth (2795) 2.30 The Herbs (9604998) 2.40 Crystal Tipps (3186882) 2.45 Babar (218795) 3.15 RatKan II (4525608) 3.20 Henry's Cat (7001172) 3.35 Special Feature (5254153) 3.45 Spiff and Hercules (6861356) 3.55 Head to Head (4861240) 4.00 McGee and Me (4646) 4.30-5.00 T-Rex (3530)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Batfink (1589482) 7.15 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (447397) 7.45 Rugrats (897839) 8.15 Modern Life (3350022) 8.30 Blue (62938) 9.00 Eureeka's Castle (86630) 9.30 Fraggle Rock (14443) 10.00 David the Gnome (39240) 10.30 The Chipmunks (84714) 11.00 Janosch's Dreamhour (75917) 11.30 The Banana Sandwich (76646) 12.00 The Monkees (75066) 12.30pm The Muppets (25559) 1.00 Eureeka's Castle (69240) 1.30 Fraggle Rock (17530) 2.00 David the Gnome (8337) 2.30 Banana Sandwich (6606) 3.00 The Chipmunks (8612) 3.30 Capital Critters (1153) 4.00 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (8406) 4.30 Rugrats (9172) 5.00 Clarissa Explains It All (2917) 5.30 Guts (6284) 6.00 Galaxy High School (7337) 6.30 The Monkees (5463)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Close Up on Wildlife (5311085) 5.00 Treasure Hunters (4350795) 5.30 Terra X (7531998) 6.05 Beyond 2000 (2193424) 7.00 Classic Cars (4370559) 7.30 Spirit of Survival (5454998) 8.00 Ancient Lives (9969714) 9.00 Going Places (9909578) 10.00 The Big Race (7882356) 10.30 Valhalla (7891004) 11.00-12.00 China: The Unveiled Highlands (3424240)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: I Remember Mama (1948, b/w): A Norwegian family struggles to survive in America (56148733) 2.20pm FILM: The Las Vegas Story (1952, b/w): Jane Russell and Victor Mature live the high life (6894511) 4.00 Flying Nun (5444511) 4.30 My Three Sons (5440795) 5.00 The Beverly Hillbillies (4387849) 5.30 Donny and Marie (5484375) 6.00 I Spy (7488917) 7.00 Cannon (9990820) 8.00 Avengers (9876240) 9.00 FILM: Get Carter (1971): Michael Caine plays a gangster avenging his brother's murder (9686627) 11.00 Get Smart (5309240) 11.30 The Twilight Zone (9734207)

UK LIVING
7.00am Living (3592337) 8.00 Fighting Back (4359511) 8.30 Rendezvous (4356882) 9.00 Dr Ruth (4372462) 9.30 Days of Our Lives (1789998) 10.30 The Young and the Restless (4498284) 11.30 Delia Smith (5443066) 12.00 Stars and Signs (90576288) 12.15pm Living (21989269) 12.30 Housecalls (8785337) 1.00 On the House (6692578) 1.30 Rendezvous (8784608) 2.00 Agony Hour (8603849) 3.00 Living (2270917) 3.45 Gladrags (71482998) 4.00 Definition (4999714) 4.30 Infatuation (4995998) 5.00 Rodeo Drive (6934375) 5.30 Fame and Fortune (7273356) 5.45 Kilroy (5323375) 6.30 Take Six Cooks (4990443) 7.00 Definition (6914511) 7.30 That's Amore (4996627) 8.00 Young and the Restless (3894882) 9.00 FILM: A Cry in the Dark (1988): Story of the dingo baby case. With Meryl Streep and Sam Neill (20398630) 11.15 That's Amore (5299288) 11.45 OK 2 Talk Feelings (9070733) 12.00-1.00am Adult Agony Hour (3572573)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Big Brother Jake (6375) 5.30 Zorro (4882) 6.00 Wonder Years (1795) 6.30 Catchphrase (5375) 7.00 All Clued Up (6511) 7.30 Pyramid (1559) 8.00 All Together Now (2559) 8.30 GP (1066) 9.00 Lou Grant (47646) 10.00 Trivial Pursuit (10153) 10.30 Rhoda (29801) 11.00 Remington (87462) 12.00-1.00am Big Valley (13467)

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Clash likely on Clinton's job creation plan

FROM PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR
IN DETROIT

■ **Britain and the United States are deeply divided over how to tackle the rising jobless tide as the Group of Seven summit on unemployment opens today in Detroit**

PRESIDENT Clinton is to propose a new international job creation plan to the leading industrial nations, even though today's Group of Seven unemployment summit is unlikely to agree to collective economic action to boost jobs.

The President's move, signalled before the opening of the G7 summit in Detroit, is likely to anger Britain, which will see it as a renewed attempt to use economic demand management as a key tool in cutting unemployment.

Mr Clinton last night met the finance and employment ministers from the G7 countries, including Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and David Hunt, Secretary of State for Employment.

Britain is insisting on economic and labour market deregulation as the principal means of combating unemployment, but the US maintains that such measures will not work without countries taking macroeconomic demand management steps on monetary and fiscal policies.

Mr Hunt has had bilateral talks with Lloyd Axworthy, his Canadian counterpart. Britain is keen to persuade Canada to support its view, but the Canadian paper for the summit says that flexibility must be accompanied by "appropriate macroeconomic policies".

The difference means that the Detroit summit will not end with an agreed communiqué. However, Mr Clinton said in an interview with a Detroit newspaper that he would present a new jobs plan to the full G7 annual summit, in Naples, in June. His statement is a clear indication of America's determination to see a range of measures adopted to combat the international problem of unemployment, in spite of the opposition to some proposed moves from countries such as Britain.

Mr Clinton said his plan would include proposals to stimulate European and Japanese economies and ensure that technological growth and international trade helped rather than hindered employment. "Frankly, I'm going to gauge how forthcoming and how open they all seem to be at this conference in Detroit."

The conference, Mr Clinton said, should build a consensus that unemployment and "stagnant" wages in one country affected unemployment and wages in another.

But the sharp difference between the US and Britain was underlined when US officials released an interview with Robert Reich, the Labor Secretary, who said: "When you hear the word flexibility, watch your wallets." For finance ministers, he said, flexibility meant "the freedom of employers to fire people and to reduce wages," while for employment ministers it meant job mobility and skills upgrading. America, he said, was working hard on the second form of flexibility.

But Mr Hunt said: "We want a deregulated, flexible labour market and we believe that the rest of the world is heading that way."

Officials from all the G7 countries will today agree the draft statement with which Lloyd Bentsen, the US Treasury Secretary, will close the conference tomorrow.

British ministers, who have seen a preliminary draft, claim to be happy with its outcome. Mr Clarke and Mr Hunt will also be given details today of the UK unemployment figures for February, to be published on Wednesday. Ministers are hopeful that the figures will show a fall, after last month's 15,500 rise.

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Japan relents on Motorola access

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

AMERICA lifted a threat of punitive trade sanctions against Japan this week after Tokyo gave in to pressure and agreed to give Motorola, the US mobile phone group, greater access to the Japanese market.

Motorola has campaigned for five years to prise open the Japanese market, and the cellular phone issue could easily have been the trigger for a trade war between Japan and America. US sanctions had been due to come into force on Thursday.

But Mickey Kantor, the US trade representative, suspended the threat after Japan agreed on Saturday to open its market, and announced a 30-day period for completion of a mutually satisfactory plan of action.

President Clinton hailed the Japanese concession as a "big win for everyone", but trade policy experts said the two countries had succeeded in resolving only a small part of the wider dispute about how to reduce Japan's huge trade surplus with America.

Mr Kantor said the deal was a step forward, as it calls for the concrete indicators on progress in market-opening the US has insisted on.

Under the deal, Nippon Idou Tsushin Corporation will increase its use of Motorola technology by opening 159 new relay stations in the Tokyo-Nagoya region.

The accord pledges that the cellular phone system will reach 95 per cent of the market's 60 million customers by the end of 1995, and that the Japanese government will review compliance each quarter.

ROBIN MAYES



Stephen Woodbridge, left, managing director, with Howard Dyer, chairman

Hamleys toys with a float

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

HAMLEYS, the Regent Street toy shop, is to float on the London Stock Exchange next month at an estimated value of £40 million through a placing and intermediaries offer.

Howard Dyer, formerly chief executive, has become chairman, taking over from Rupert Hambro, of JO Hambro Magan, the company's financial adviser, who becomes a non-executive director.

Stephen Woodbridge, the operations director, becomes managing director. Mr Dyer, a former Williams Holdings director, and Mr Woodbridge, a former senior manager at Williams, were brought into Hamleys in 1991 after it ran into difficulties.

In 1991, Hamleys had to be refinanced. Mr Dyer and other equity holders injected £3 million and the firm's banks extended its facilities.

Mr Dyer paid "substantially less than £1 million" for a 12 per cent stake in the company. After the float, his stake will be worth an estimated £3 million. Mr Woodbridge and Michael Riddy, the finance director, own 3 per cent of shares between them.

The shop is also planning to expand through a deal with House of Fraser in which Hamleys will run the toy departments of at least 20 Fraser stores from after Easter.

Hamleys revealed that its pre-tax profits had more than doubled to £2.7 million and operating profits for the year to January 29 increased by 50 per cent to £3.6 million.

Profitable Mirror waits on Heseltine

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

MIRROR Group Newspapers, still awaiting clearance from Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, for its consortium bid for *The Independent*, will tomorrow continue its process of rehabilitation from the Maxwell scandal years with a hefty profits rise.

Derek Terrington, publishing analyst at Kleinwort Benson, is looking for a "clean" pre-tax figure of £67 million, before a £60 million write-back of pension fund provisions that has already been flagged at the publication of the offer for Newspaper Publishing, owner of the *The Independent* and its Sunday sister paper.

The profits will contrast with losses of £84 million announced for 1992, after reorganisation and plant closure costs of £116.5 million. David Montgomery, chief executive, has already indicated that trading results in 1993 were encouraging for MGN.

The group has put in place the necessary funding for the purchase of its stake in Newspaper Publishing, which will be between 25 and 30 per cent, depending on the level of acceptances, placing a total of 19 million shares, at 165p each, on the stock market. The maximum cost of the stake would be £22.4 million.

Mr Montgomery can expect to be pressed tomorrow on current trading of the group's newspapers, which, as well as the Mirror titles, include the *Scottish Daily Record*. At the time of the offer for *The Independent*, he said that while the *Daily Mirror*'s circulation had been affected by the price cuts of *The Sun*, the other titles had been performing satisfactorily, given the general economic conditions, and the company's cost reduction programme had been running to plan.

Today's edition of the *Daily Mirror* was the first to be produced from the company's new offices at Canary Wharf. The move means that all MGN and Telegraph titles are now produced from Britain's tallest office block in London's Docklands. If the MGN bid for the Independent titles is approved, they too will move to Canary Wharf in the early summer.

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Fund managers look to equities

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

THE latest monthly survey of fund managers conducted by Gallup for Smith New Court shows that weakness in global equities and bonds last month has not produced any significant shifts in UK managers' policy intentions.

The March survey, which involved 90 institutions handling funds totalling £849 billion, found that having taken a more cautious approach to equities in the two months before the sell-off in February, there are some indications that managers are thinking about putting a little more into equities at the expense of cash.

Though less inclined to run down their holdings of European equities than last month, the latest survey indicates that fund managers continue to be much more cautious about the near-term outlook for European equities than was the case at the end of last year. The German market is the one where, on balance, fund managers are most likely to reduce their exposure.

Compared with February's survey, Smith says that respondents are slightly less optimistic about the outlook for the UK economy, though the percentage that expects things to get better over the next 12 months remains, at 88 per cent, very high.

The turn of the year optimism about the outlook for gilt yields over the next 12 months has evaporated, though, if anything, managers are slightly more optimistic about the outlook for inflation. There has also been a noticeable jump in expectations for dividend growth.

Base rates are expected to be 5 per cent in three months (5.1 per cent in February's survey) and at 5.2 per cent in a year.

Euro Disney directors set to face the music



In the red: Euro Disney hotels are failing to draw the expected custom

BY JON ASHWORTH

DIRECTORS of Euro Disney are braced for a hostile reception this morning, when shareholders gather for the second annual meeting in the theme park operator's short and troubled history.

The meeting, at Marne la Vallée, east of Paris, will be told that Euro Disney, which is locked in critical negotiations with its bankers, faces months of continued losses because of fundamental errors in its pricing and marketing strategy. Philippe Bourguignon, chairman, expects losses to continue in the financial year to September 30, even if a widely-flagged Fr12 billion restructuring is negotiated.

Steps to cut Euro Disney's huge interest payments are unlikely to achieve much in the short term, shareholders will be told. Hotel occupancy and spending have been less than expected, and "seasonal factors", with attendance skewed towards the second half, have had an adverse impact.

Representatives of Euro Disney's 63 creditor banks are to meet in Paris this morning. The meeting is expected to confirm that Walt Disney, the 49 per cent shareholder, and a committee of steering banks have agreed in principle to support a Fr6 billion rights issue designed to reduce debt sharply. A further Fr6 billion in reductions may be achieved through debt-for-equity swaps, interest-rate moratoriums and concessions on royalties and management fees.

Walt Disney had threatened to withdraw financial support for the park at the end of the month if refinancing cannot be agreed, pushing Euro Disney into bankruptcy. An announcement of tentative agreement over a package is expected within days, with a formal plan likely by summer.

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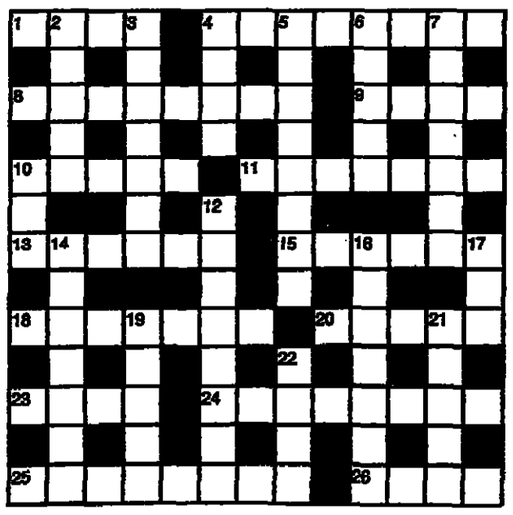
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1 Way through mountains (4)
4 State boundary (8)
8 Incapacity for easy walking (8)
9 Hotel errand-boy (4)
10 Sustained, violent attack (5)
11 Inert gas, a factor of TV (7)
13 Narrow waterway (6)
15 Painter (6)
18 (Prosody) Mid-line break (7)
20 Picture of attractive girl (3-2)
23 Stare open-mouthed (4)
24 Masculinity (8)
25 Cultural centre on R. Arno (8)
26 Unthinking repetition (4)

DOWN
2 Be useful (5)
3 Bands of light split by prism (7)
4 Use sense of touch (4)
5 (Factory) In production (2,6)
6 Add a little more (3,2)
7 Absorb; write out legibly (7)
10 Public conveyance (3)
12 Warehouse worker (8)
14 Painful labour (7)
16 Solvent (eg for paint pot) (7)
17 Spinning toy (3)
19 Curl lip (5)
21 Surprise result (5)
22 Run away (4)

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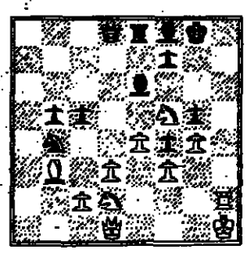
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By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Clapham - Meynell, Hastings 1994. Can you see how White could have forced victory with an elegant geometric manoeuvre?



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By Philip Howard

MATROSS
a. A reddish pigment
b. A palliasse
c. A gunner's assistant

PARTIZAN
a. The lower half of a barbican
b. A guerrillero
c. A halberd

BARTIZAN
a. A craftsman in a castle
b. A battlement
c. A Baronet's entourage

FREISCHUTZ
a. A German marksman
b. A franc-tireur
c. Common hunting grounds

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